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MIRACULOUS SURVIVAL

Rescued By Brave Chinese Fishermen

MORE LIGHT ON THE BIG TRAGEDY

Through the mouth of one who has, as it were, returned from the dead after being given up for lost—and thereby increased the number of those saved from 26 to 27—the "China Mail" is now able to reconstruct the essential parts of the "Hsinwah" shipwreck, which occurred at 4.45 a.m. on Wednesday, off Waglan, only 10 miles or so from Hong Kong harbour.

Still showing the scars of his grim struggle with barnacle-covered rocks 20 miles from the original scene of the tragedy, Chan Sang-fat, saloon cook, 33 years of age, a native of Shanghai, told a graphic story to-day.

After being in the water for a day, on an uninhabited island for a night, he has been rescued by yet another crew of heroic Hong Kong fishermen. From this latest survivor it is established that:

Only two lifeboats (Nos. 1 and 3) put off from the ship.

Four rafts also got under way, each with 9 or 10 persons on board.

As far as he could see only one out of the 30 women passengers left in a raft.

Mr. Patrick Campbell (Chief Engineer) and Mr. Harold Beveridge (Second Engineer), both Britons, were seen on separate rafts but their fate is unknown.

At 2 p.m. on the day of the disaster, men drifting in the sea shouted to a passing steam launch but were not heard.

BRITONS CLINGING TO RAFTS

This saloon cook was in his bunk when the "Hsinwah" struck Waglan Island. Like others, he joined in the turmoil on deck.

There were eight rafts on the ill-fated vessel but four, he alleges, were not accessible. The other four were cut loose and lowered into the turbulent sea. The one he was on had:

Himself (the sole survivor).
The saloon stewards,
1 sailor,
1 fireman,
2 "boys,"
3 passengers, also
a quartermaster and a fireman,
both of whom jumped across to lifeboat No. 1 when they passed it.

It will be recalled that the only survivors of No. 1 lifeboat were two passengers who lashed themselves to it when it overturned and were brought into Aberdeen. No. 8 lifeboat had 20 men saved and taken to Shauiwan. It will be seen, therefore, that neither the quartermaster nor the fireman, who changed positions in mid-stream, benefitted by so doing.

Cries Not Heard
Of the nine men who remained on the raft, six were washed overboard and into the sea at various times through their limbs becoming numb in the cold and wet and thereby losing their grip.

The saloon cook, the steward and the sailor, however, clung on for dear life.

About 2 p.m. they sighted a steam launch with look-outs posted. The cook described the vessel as a tug. At any rate they called to it but were too far away to be heard, the vessel passing between them and Hong Kong.

By about 4 p.m. (almost 12 hours after being in the sea), the three men had drifted 20 miles south-westwards. Their raft was carried against land.

Bashed for Two Hours
The place is identified by the fisherfolk as Hak Chau Shan Island. The group of three consists of one large and two small islands, none inhabited, and all three are known by the one name.

Big rocks covered by barnacles barred the way to land. Every moment the raft, without means of propulsion, was in danger of breaking through being bashed by the waves against the rocks.

Desperate attempts were made to jump to safety or to crawl but the fates laughed at the three unfortunate men.

By about four o'clock, the cook gained the shore, bleeding from the chin downwards, cut and scratched all over in trying to secure a foothold.

Do what he might he could not help his shipmates who remained in the sea.

Raft Breaks Up
Night came and the last the cook saw of the steward and the sailor, they were still crouching on the raft, in the last stages of exhaustion.

By that time the elements had begun to assert their superiority over the poor human beings, so near and yet so far from safety. The raft had commenced to break up!

During the darkness, the cook, heard the raft smash up and, by sunrise, he could see no traces whatever.

Reconnoitring for a while, he saw a fishing junk in the distance. Calling and beckoning he succeeded in drawing attention and thus getting away from an islet—10 miles to the south of Cheung Chau (Dumbell) Island, and in Chinese waters—where he could find no shelter or food, nor any sign of human life.

Too Tired To Move
Rescue was more difficult than appears because the modest fisherman would only say that the bow of their craft was damaged by being carried against the rocky shore in order to take off the marooned man. In the heavy seas then running it was impossible to lower a small boat.

Given congee, clothing and blankets, the cook set out on the fishing junk for Hong Kong shortly after 7 o'clock yesterday morning, more than 24 hours from the time of the shipwreck.

By 8 o'clock last night, the junk reached Taikotsui. Asked what he wished to do, the survivor told his rescuers that he was still too tired to move.

He stayed overnight. Hence the report at the Water Police Station was not made until this morning. Even then the cook had to be supported in walking up the hill.

349 Left Out
Mr. Patrick Campbell (Chief Engineer) and Mr. Harold Beveridge (Second Engineer) were seen on different rafts by the saloon cook. But he did not see Captain Jensen, Mr. Jacobsen (the Chief Officer, who was saved), Mr. Kuo (the Second Officer), or the Russian third engineer.

Within a few moments, each raft was being buffeted away by the storm and soon lost sight of each other.

On one raft, however, the cook did notice one of the 30 women passengers.

There were eight or nine persons on each raft, making a total of less than 40. With the 40 or so in Nos. 1 and 3 lifeboats (the others being rendered out of action) a total of about 80 must have left the "Hsinwah" on emergency craft, the remainder of the 429 souls being unable to find accommodation.

Badly Bleeding
The cook's injuries were attended to in the local office of the owners, the China Merchants S.N. Co., where he compared experiences with the boatwain.

His chin was cut badly through being carried head first, in a crouching position, against the rocks of Hak Chau Shan. His hands, legs and feet were bleeding.

Only two of the rescued passengers remain in the Wan Kau boarding house, the others (excepting the medicine seller in hospital) having been provided with funds by the owners to leave for home. The surviving members of the crew remain.

The Government Civil Hospital informs the "China Mail" that Mr. Jacobsen (Chief Officer) and the two Chinese removed from Aberdeen are making good progress and should be discharged in a few days.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS CALENDAR

8 CASES NEXT WEEK

TRIALS EXPECTED TO LAST FIVE DAYS

FORGERY PREDOMINATES

The words "forged" and "forgery" predominate in the calendar for the January Criminal Sessions, which open at the Supreme Court at 10 a.m. on Monday, the 21st.

Eight cases are down to be heard by the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan, C.B.E., K.C.) and the Puisne Judge (Mr. Justice Jacks) and the despatch adds, that prisoners in Ichang will be affected.

Ichang is to the east of Szechuan province where the last "local war" was fought between Yang Sen and Liu Helang.

Ho Fu: charged with piracy—before the Chief Justice on the first day. This case was adjourned from the December Sessions to enable evidence to be obtained to sustain a plea of *autrefois acquit*.

Tam Wing: possession of forged currency notes—before the Puisne Judge on the first day.

Kam Singh: possession of forged currency notes—before the Puisne Judge on the first day.

Lok Choi'abd Lau Man: murder.

Ho Yam: robbery by two or more.

Chan Tak-chun: robbery by two or more.

Wu Wang-ngai (1), Li Lai-chan (2), Lai Hon (3), Chau Hoi (4): conspiracy to utter forged notes (of \$50 denomination of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation); Nos. 2 and 3 also with possession of forged notes; No. 4 also with possession of forged notes; No. 1 with possession of implements of forgery and possession of arms and ammunition.

Lo Kung-pak: uttering a forged die, and four counts of embezzlement.

Washington, Yesterday.—The death is announced of Dr. Joseph Goldberger, the discoverer of the cure for pellagra.—Reuter's American Service.

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Mast Disappears
Waglan Lighthouse reported this morning that the mast of the "Hsinwah" was visible (from the light) "until dark last night but could not be seen this morning."

The owners think that the vessel has listed over, or what remained above water of the mast has been obscured by the waves.

No decision as to examination of prospects of salvage will be made until word is received from the head office in Shanghai.

Expedition Persevere
No success rewarded the China Merchants Co.'s expedition in the Whampoa Dock Co's tug "Henry Keswick" and the Tung Wah Hospital's expedition in two steam launches. The owners' office staff, the Hospital directors (including Mr. Tang Shu-kin, the chairman), and a Press correspondent all came back very seashore. No corpses were picked up. Nevertheless the owners sent the "Henry Keswick" out again to-day, and the Hospital is continuing the search with one launch.

Activities, however, have not yet extended so far into the South China Sea as Hak Chau Shan, but have been confined mainly to the south-east of Hong Kong Island in the vicinity of Waglan.

WAR AGAIN?

HOSTILITIES THREATEN AT ICHANG

FOREIGNERS SAFE

Ichang, the Trade port on the Upper Yangtze, 100 miles above Hankow, on the 17th inst. of the Kwang-chung, a province of influence, appears likely to be the centre of hostilities again, says a Royal Naval communiqué.

The rival generals this time are Liu Ho-tung, the present holder of Ichang, and Ma Wen-tse. There seems no reason to anticipate the despatch adds, that prisoners in Ichang will be affected.

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CONVENT ROBBED

NUNS SURPRISED BY MASKED MEN

ENTRANCE BY ROOF

The inmates of a convent at Antau, New Territory were surprised yesterday morning when eight robbers, wearing masks, succeeded in gaining entrance from the roof of the house.

The robbers, it is said, were only armed with one knife, but they had no difficulty in overpowering the inmates, who were composed of eight nuns.

The desperadoes succeeded in taking away with them valuables and clothing valued at \$72.

FRESH AND FAIR

N.E. winds, fresh and fair is the forecast until noon to-morrow.

The anticyclone central over N. E. China, has weakened slightly. Strong to fresh monsoon may be expected along the S. E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

PTE. JAMES' BOYLE

ONCE AGAIN REMANDED AT MAGISTRACY

NO NEWS FROM COLOMBO

Private James Boyle, of the King's Own Scottish Borderers was again before Mr. R. E. Lindell, at the Central Magistracy this morning, in connection with the charge against him of the attempted murder of Sergeant A. Kerr of the same regiment, on board H.M. transport "Somersetshire" on the night of October 19-20 last.

Detective Inspector Lane told the Magistrate that no further news of Kerr had been received from Colombo, and his Worship accordingly gave another week's formal remand.

AMMUNITION

ACCUSED SAID HE PICKED IT UP FROM STREET

SENT TO PRISON

A fine of \$50 or one month's hard labour, was imposed on a Chinese, charged before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with unlawful possession of 15 rounds of ammunition.

The defendant pleaded "guilty" and said that he had picked them in a street.

In passing the sentence, his Worship remarked that the ammunition was rifle bullets but had they been revolver ammunition, it would have been a very different thing.

SERIOUS AFFAIR

AMAH CHARGED WITH MURDER OF MISTRESS

Pong Lau-tai, the substitute amah who is charged with the murder, along with three men not in custody, of her mistress at No. 28, Swatow Road, Waglan, on the night of December 30-31, 1927, made another appearance before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Detective Inspector Lane asked for another week's formal remand, stating that further news will be made with regard to the other persons concerned in the case.

Mr. Lindell: No one else has been named yet.

The case will be remanded.

MORE HOPEFUL THAN FOR PAST 7 WEEKS

KING'S PROGRESS

MEDICAL JOURNALS' OPINION OF H.M.'S CONDITION

DEFINITE IMPROVEMENT

London, Yesterday.
A British wireless message states:

This morning's bulletin regarding the King is viewed with considerable satisfaction at Buckingham Palace. For the first time the doctors described the King's progress as satisfactory and this is believed to indicate that the improvement continues to be of a definite character. It is stated that it may be assumed that the King is gathering strength.

It was officially stated at the Palace to-night that the morning's report of the King had been confirmed.

Medical Journals' Comment
The "Lancet," commenting on the fact that for the first time for seven weeks the King's illness had not been made the subject of an official bulletin in its columns says: "No medical man will fail to appreciate how anxiously the patient must continue to be watched through an extended period for an illness so prolonged, and severe must always leave the subject liable to an addition of exhaustion which throughout has been dangerously pronounced; but, at long last, we may permit ourselves to indulge in happy anticipations of convalescence."

The "British Medical Journal" expresses the opinion that the "outlook is more hopeful than at any time during the past seven weeks."

—Reuter.

DISBANDMENT

CHINA DIVIDED INTO SIX AREAS

FINANCIAL UNIFICATION

Nanking, Yesterday.
The Disbandment Conference yesterday afternoon decided that the country be divided into six disbandment areas, whose centre would be Nanking, Wuhan, Loyang, Shensi and Manchuria with Szechuan, Yunnan and Kweichow constituting a sixth area.

A proposal to make Wuhan and Canton two separate areas was defeated.

The Conference agreed to a maximum of 66 divisions of which between 50 and 60 will be of infantry and each division will comprise 11,000 men.

It is understood that the annual expense will be fixed in accordance with the Ministry of Finance proposals for \$192,000,000.

The military leaders agreed to the unification of the country's financial administrations.—Reuter.

REPARATIONS

THE AMERICAN EXPERTS

Washington, Yesterday.
The British Ambassador (Sir Esme Howard) has informed Mr. F. B. Kellogg, Secretary of State Department, that the Allied Governments have selected Mr. Owen D. Young and Mr. J. Pierpont Morgan as the American experts on the Reparations Committee.—Reuter's American Service.

SUGAR INDUSTRY

LEAGUE TO CONSULT WITH EXPERTS

Geneva, Yesterday.
The League's Economic Committee has decided to organise consultations with expert representatives in the sugar industry from 15 producing countries, including Britain, India and Japan, and another consultation with beet-sugar experts is contemplated later.—Reuter.

HIGH TREASON

Mukden, Yesterday.

According to information from responsible quarters, convincing evidence against Generals Yang Yu-kang and Chang Yu-hua being guilty of high treason cannot be disclosed for fear of international complications.—Reuter.

THE FACT

Washington, Yesterday.

Frank Coolidge has signed the Kellogg Pact.—Reuter.

THE SALVATION ARMY SENSATION

LATEST MOVES

DEPOSED GENERAL'S DUTIES TAKEN OVER

LITIGATION LIKELY

London, Yesterday.
Commissioner Higgins, Chief of Staff of the Salvation Army, to-day took over temporarily the duties of General Bramwell Booth, the deposed leader, pending the appointment of the General's successor.

Commissioner Higgins has been the right-hand man of General Booth for many years, and has been carrying out most of the official duties of the General during his long illness. He is now regarded as the General's most likely successor.

Commissioner Lamb, the International Secretary, who has a high reputation outside the Army for his statesmanlike knowledge of emigration questions, is also suggested.

Commissioner Hay, President of the High Council, has won much approval from members of the Council for his handling of debates and, though he has been in New Zealand for many years, his personal reputation in England is very high.

There have been suggestions also that Commander Eva Booth, sister of General Bramwell Booth, might be chosen. She has won worldwide reputation for her leadership of the Army in the United States and has been leader of the movement against her brother's autocratic position. But there are many who think that her appointment would be controversial.

It appears that the High Council will proceed with the election of a new General to-morrow.

Meanwhile a special messenger left Sunbury this afternoon for Southwold conveying to General Bramwell Booth an official notification of his deposition.

Sympathy For the General
At the General's house telegrams were arriving all day expressing sympathy and assuring him of continued support.

The question of the legality of the General's deposition will evidently be re-fought in the law courts. It is learned from a semi-official source that the General will probably leave it to the High Council to take legal action against him to divest him of the trust which he holds. By a legacy from his father he is the sole trustee of property in England, France and Australia, valued at about £1,800,000. If he refuses to divest himself voluntarily of this trust it will be incumbent upon the High Council to take legal action against him.

One who has been in close touch with him and his family states that this is the course he is likely to adopt.—British Wireless Service.

Official Statement
The official statement says that the result of the vote is a complete vindication of the seven commissioners who requested the calling of the High Council. Their action was absolutely unprecedented, but under the circumstances with which they were confronted they felt there was no alternative.

It is added that numerous legal and technical questions had to be dealt with both before and after the calling of the Council, and in these matters the seven commissioners had been guided by independent legal advice so as to ensure that their actions were entirely in accord with the deeds of the constitution signed by the founder and upon the terms of which the present General accepted office.

"A Sacred Trust"
The result of the ballot was immediately telephoned to General Booth, who is still lying seriously ill at Southwold. He states that he will resist with every means in his power this attempt to deprive him of the leadership, which he regards as a sacred trust that he cannot give up either morally or legally in view of the terms in which it was imposed upon him by his father.

The High Council resumed its sittings to-day to consider the appointment of a successor to General Booth.

Trustee Of Huge Sum
A Salvation Army official, at the hotel where Commander Eva Booth is staying, said that the Gen-

THE NEW AFGHAN MONARCH GOES

REBEL SUCCESS

THE SON OF A PEASANT TO ASSUME SUPREME POWER

AMANULLAH'S ATTITUDE

London, Yesterday.
According to the latest information available regarding the Afghan situation, Bacha Saqao, whose real name is Habibullah Khan, is in effective control of the whole of Kabul except the Citadel. At present no serious disorder seems to exist in the city and all the foreign legations are believed to be safe. Amanullah has reached Kandahar.

King For A Few Days
Moscow, Yesterday.

A wireless report from Kabul states that Inayatullah has abdicated on the condition that the safety for himself and all his household is guaranteed.

Victorious Rebels

It appears that when Amanullah abdicated the rebels attacked Kabul and surrounded the royal residence where Inayatullah and the members of the Cabinet are guarded by a small force.

Bacha Saqao entered the royal palace to-day.

The rebel leaders announce that Bacha Saqao will assume supreme power in Afghanistan under the title of Habibullah Ghazi.

Perfect order is at present prevailing in Kabul, the rebel troops guarding the foreign legation.

Friendly To Foreigners

The attitude of the rebels towards foreigners is said to be quite friendly and no foreigners have been injured in the fighting at Kabul.

Amanullah Still In Afghanistan

New Delhi, Yesterday.
The news that Amanullah and Queen Soraiyah (who is ailing) have been welcomed at Kandahar and that Amanullah has support there and at Kabul is not without significance. The fact of the hoisting of his standard at Kandahar shows that he is still in authority in part of his domain and may endeavour to mobilise sufficient forces to regain the throne.

This would not be without historical precedent for the Amir of Abdurrahman, on losing his throne, won back his kingdom after 15 years of exile in Turkestan.

The New Monarch
Habibullah, otherwise Bacha Saqao (water carrier's son) was a subordinate member of the Afghan Mission which negotiated with the British at Mussoorie in 1920 after Amanullah's abortive attempt to provoke revolt in India. Otherwise this son of a peasant was unknown in Afghan politics till the Shinwari rising brought him into prominence. He then, according to Afghan officials, was leader of bandits in the mountains north of Kabul, and offered his services to Amanullah in December when the latter was so hard-pressed by Shinwari rebels, but turned against the King.

Habibullah is described by prominent Indians as a fanatic who played with the popular feeling against westernisation.

Rebels Control Kabul
So far as is known the rebels led by Bacha Saqao control the city and environs, and it is believed that fighting has temporarily ceased.

It is authoritatively learned in London that Bacha Saqao (otherwise Habibullah Khan) controls all Kabul with the exception of the Citadel, but apparently there is no disorder and all is well with the legations. The whereabouts of Inayatullah are unknown.

It is reported that Amanullah arrived at Kandahar on January 15 and hoisted the King's standard at Inayatullah are unknown.

As sole trustee of the Army, had vested in him properties in England, France and Australia to the amount of £2,000,000 sterling. It was necessary that he execute a deed to divest himself of the trust and if he refused, it would impose on the Council the onus of initiating proceedings in the High Court. This would be very painful, but whatever the General's attitude the Council would re-assemble on January 18 to elect a new Commander. The first candidate receiving a two-thirds majority would automatically become General, and once he was elected nothing that General Booth could do would affect his status.—Reuter.

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MONTEVIDEO MARU Friday, 8th February, 1929.
BOMBAY—Via Singapore & Colombo.
CHIFUKU MARU Saturday, 19th January, 1929.
HONOLULU MARU Sunday, 3rd February.
DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR
& MOMBASA—Via Singapore & Colombo.
CHICAGO MARU Tuesday, 5th February.
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BORNEO MARU Friday, 18th January.
SEATTLE MARU Friday, 1st February.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER—Via Japan Ports From
Shanghai.
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BANGKOK—Via Saigon.
KOHMO MARU Sunday, 3rd February.
HAIPHONG—Via Hoihow & Pakhoi.
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NEW YORK—Via Japan ports, San Francisco & Panama.
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It is only by increasing the value of coal mined, by treatment, said he, therefore turning it into a more marketable product, that a real advance can be looked for.

In the course of his address Lieut.-Col. Moore-Brabazon said: Coal has had a frontal attack directed against it over late years which has had the most detrimental effect upon its consumption. First of all, the advent of the Diesel engine as a prime mover displaces coal in considerable quantities; the harnessing of water power for the generation of electricity; then steam power, which had been intimately wrapped up with coal consumption, suddenly deserted the mine, and oil firing under certain circumstances became standard.

It must be appreciated, however, in this connection that it is not the economy of oil firing that makes it attractive, but certain compensating advantages that are given to ships, such as quickness in loading, making several more journeys a year possible, which compensates for the extra expense. From the point of view, however, of storage of heat units in a given space, such as is demanded by warships, oil can never be displaced, but from the commercial point of view it is open to a very serious attack.

The advent of pulverised fuel introduces a method of burning coal in a much more efficient way. In the generation of electricity, I do not suppose any first-class works generating over 10,000 k.v.a. would be installed at the present moment with anything but a pulverised fuel installation. Here, a new use for smalls is introduced, and a high ash content is not the disadvantage that it would be if burnt in the ordinary way. The prevailing practice of pulverising coal just before combustion is, as far as one can say, the principle developed commercially at the present time, but it is only by pushing the system to its logical conclusion that real advantages from the point of view of modern consumption can be obtained.

Oil Firing

The great liners of the world burning oil under their boilers do not burn this for economic reasons of fuel, but because of the quickness of loading, the absence of trimmers, and the fact that two or three journeys more can be obtained during the year, which all tends to compensate them for the additional cost. It is well known that pulverised fuel can be pumped along pipes into bunkers, and behaves very much as oil, so that one has a fuel here which, on first investigation, would show an enormous advantage over oil firing. Unfortunately, there is a disadvantage, which is that pulverised fuel, with its high volatile content, is an explosive and liable to spontaneous combustion. There is no very great danger if the transition from solid fuel to pulverised fuel takes place just before com-

SHIPPING SECTION.

COASTAL MOVES

CHANGES IN SHIPS' PERSONNEL

NEW APPOINTMENTS

Captain J. D. Whyte, from reserve, has gone master, "Nanchang."

Captain W. Shaw, of the "Nanchang," is on reserve.

Captain J. L. Gamble, of the "Kangting," is on reserve.

Captain L. Evans, from reserve, has gone master, "Kangting."

Captain C. E. Plunkett-Cole, acting Marine Superintendent, C. N. Co., Hong Kong, has retired.

Captain T. M. Johnstone, C. N. Co., Hong Kong, has gone to special duty.

Captain C. H. Jones, from reserve, has gone master, "Soochow."

Captain J. A. McCulloch, of the "Soochow," is on reserve.

Mr. J. R. Forster, chief officer, "Shengkang," is on reserve.

Mr. W. B. Paul, chief officer, "Yunnan," is on reserve.

Mr. A. H. Mills, chief officer, "Fatsan," is on Home leave.

Mr. J. W. Bennett, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Fatsan."

Mr. N. McMillan, from Home, has gone extra second officer, "Hsin Peking."

Mr. D. McRae, from reserve, has gone extra chief engineer officer, "Tatung."

Mr. R. Bain, second engineer officer, "Kiukiang," has gone second engineer officer, "Woo-sung."

Mr. B. A. Davies, second engineer officer, "Woo-sung," has gone second engineer officer, "Tatung."

Mr. W. Wishart, from reserve, has gone extra chief engineer officer, "Hsin Peking."

Mr. J. A. Anderson, second engineer officer, "Tatung," has gone second engineer officer, "Tungchow."

Mr. R. H. McLean, second engineer officer, "Tungchow," is on reserve.

Mr. J. W. E. Tonkin, third engineer officer, "Hsin Peking," has gone second engineer officer, "Wenchow."

Mr. J. A. Duncan, second engineer officer, "Wenchow," has gone second engineer officer, "Yunnan."

Mr. D. S. Goldie, extra second engineer officer, "Hsin Peking," has gone second engineer officer, "Szechuen."

Mr. A. McVean, extra chief engineer officer, "Shasi," has gone acting chief engineer officer, "Wating."

Mr. L. A. Puddephat, extra third engineer officer, "Shasi," has gone third engineer officer, "Wuchang."

Captain W. J. Booker, of the "Hopsang," is on reserve.

Captain E. L. M. Merrett, from reserve, has gone master, "Hopsang."

Mr. W. J. Lawrence, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Kumsang."

Mr. L. McRae, chief officer, "Kumsang," is on reserve.

Mr. G. Clarke, chief officer, "Suiwo," is on Home leave.

Mr. L. McWilliams, from Home leave, has gone chief engineer officer, "Yusang."

Mr. R. M. Sargent, chief engineer officer, "Yusang," is on reserve. Shipping and Engineering.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia," Capt. A. J. Halley, R.N.R., will leave here for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe and Yokohama at noon on January 23.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Russia" from Hong Kong on Jan. 9, left Yokohama yesterday at 3 p.m., and is due at Vancouver on Jan. 26.

The M.V. "Nippon" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.), left Dunkirk on Dec. 24, and is due here on or about Jan. 31.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" left Bombay yesterday at 8 p.m., is due Colombo on Jan. 20 at 7 a.m., and at Hong Kong on Feb. 18.

Projected arrivals at and departures from Hong Kong of steamers under the management of the Bank Line, Ltd., are as follows:—

Arrivals at Hong Kong

S.S. "City of Pekin," from Europe, January 27.

S.S. "Polaris," from New York, Feb. 1.

S.S. "City of Khartoum," from Europe, Feb. 24.

S.S. "City of Guildford," from New York, March 2.

S.S. "Rosier," from New York, March 2.

Sailings From Hong Kong

S.S. "City of Pekin," Shanghai and Japan ports, Jan. 26.

S.S. "Polaris," Saigon, Feb. 3.

S.S. "City of Madras," London, Rotterdam and Hamburg, Feb. 9.

S.S. "Myrtlebank," Boston, New York and Baltimore, Feb. 15.

S.S. "City of Khartoum," Shanghai and Japan ports, Feb. 25.

S.S. "City of Guildford," Shanghai, March 5.

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EMPEROR OF ASIA	Jan. 23	Jan. 26	Jan. 29	Jan. 31	Feb. 9
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Feb. 13	Feb. 16	Feb. 19	Feb. 21	Mar. 2
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Mar. 6	Mar. 9	Mar. 12	Mar. 14	Mar. 23
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	Mar. 20	Mar. 23	Mar. 26	Mar. 28	Apr. 6
EMPEROR OF ASIA	Apr. 10	Apr. 13	Apr. 16	Apr. 18	Apr. 27
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	May 1	May 4	May 7	May 9	May 18
EMPEROR OF ASIA	May 15	May 18	May 21	May 23	June 1
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	June 6	June 9	June 12	June 14	June 22
EMPEROR OF ASIA	June 20	June 23	June 26	June 28	July 7
EMPEROR OF RUSSIA	July 10	July 13	July 16	July 18	July 27
EMPEROR OF ASIA	July 24	July 27	July 30	Aug. 1	Aug. 10

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As he was leaving the examination room with Lord Iveagh, Chancellor of the University, who also received the honorary degree of LL.D., he was picked up by undergraduates and carried shoulder-high across the courtyard to the steps of the common room, his academic robes flying in the breeze.

Lord Birkenhead, laughing heartily, climbed down from the shoulders of the undergraduates and said, "There is Lord Iveagh. He is about three stones heavier than I. Go and have a shot at him."

Thereupon the undergraduates dashed across the courtyard to Lord Iveagh, who, however, sought refuge behind several officials.

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*KIDDERPORE	5,334	7th Feb.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay.
KASHGAR	9,008	10th Feb.	M'selles, C'blanca, L'don & Hull.
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*PADUA	5,907	24th Jan.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TAKADA	6,949	31st Jan.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
*MACEDONIA	11,120	1st Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TANDA	6,958	5th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
TALAMBA	8,018	8th Feb.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Y'ham & Osaka.
KHIVA	9,135	15th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
TALMA	10,000	18th Feb.	Amoy, S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
MALWA	10,986	1st Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
*NAGPORE	5,283	4th Mar.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
ST. ALBANS	4,600	5th Mar.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama.
KHYBER	9,114	8th Mar.	Shanghai.
NALDERA	16,088	15th Mar.	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama.

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Woman: A-crowding with his misers.

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T'au via S'low & S'hai	YATSHING	Sun. 27th Jan. at 7 a.m.
Kobe via S'low & S'hai	HANGSANG	Wed. 30th Jan. at 7 a.m.
Kobe via S'low & S'hai	HOSANG	Sun. 3rd Feb. at 7 a.m.
Osaka via Moji & Kobe	NAMSANG	Fri. 15th Feb. at 7 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta	SUISANG	Sat. 26th Jan. at 3 p.m.
Straits & Calcutta	FOOKHANG	Sat. 2nd Feb. at 1 p.m.
Sandakan	HINSANG	Sat. 16th Jan. at Noon
Sandakan	MAUSANG	Sat. 31st Feb. at Noon
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GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAMME OUTLINED

Under the aegis of the Association des Grands Ports Français (Association of Big French Ports) a luncheon was given in Paris to French Senators and Deputies concerned with the organisation and supervision of French ports.

The lunch was presided over by M. Bonnefous, the new Minister of Commerce, who stated that the Government was in full support of the efforts made by the association in connection with the extension and improvement of port facilities.

Senator Charles Chaumet, who is the president of the association and also of the Union Maritime Chamber of Commerce, and who for years has taken a prominent part in French shipping matters, stressed the far-reaching importance of the two groups which have been constituted at the Senate and at the Chamber of Deputies for furthering the interests of French ports and providing better organisation and equipment. The port group of the Senate is presided over by M. Brindeau, and that of the Chamber of Deputies by M. Guernier.

M. Charles Chaumet paid tribute to the efforts of M. Gustine, general-secretary of the two bodies, who has done so much for several years to bring about a better understanding of the necessity for developing French ports and enabling them to successfully compete with foreign ports.

Senator Brindeau stated that while the application of the Dawes Plan had afforded substantial help in the matter of extension work in French ports, it was up to the Government also to share in the expenditure entailed.

Deputy Guernier pointed out that France should not follow the policy of some other countries—Germany, for instance—who are exclusively favouring the development of a few big ports.

Increasing Traffic
M. Wattier, Director of the Department of Ports, remarked that while the total tonnage of goods handled at French ports in 1927, viz., 43,000,000 tons, is only a little higher than that for 1913, 42,000,000 tons, the tonnage of vessels showed a considerable increase, rising from 70,000,000 tons in 1913 to 132,000,000 in 1927. Figures for 1928 are likely to show a further increase, and M. Wattier forecasted a total tonnage of 140,000,000.

The Government's programme calls for a total expenditure of 5 milliard francs; of this, 3 milliard is expected to be derived from the enforcement of the Dawes Plan, thus leaving 2 milliard to be provided by the French Treasury during a period of ten years. It is noteworthy in this respect that the credits now granted by the State are quite insufficient, since the amount allocated to port improvement in 1913 was 20 million gold-francs, and for 1925 only 20 million paper-francs. The port representatives are asking for a yearly allocation of 120 million francs, which is regarded as a minimum figure.

It would appear that, thanks to the vigorous efforts of the Association of Big French Ports and the Union of Maritime Chambers of Commerce, supported by a number of Senators and Deputies specially interested in port questions, it has now been decided to pursue a strong port policy, and the facilities in French ports should be greatly increased and improved in the course of the next few years.

Fat stock from the King's farms at Windsor realised £1,990 at Slough, Buckinghamshire, Christmas Show.

Birmingham City Council sanctioned the establishment of a municipal aerodrome at Castle Bromwich.

ANTIQUATED TAX

PROTEST BY CORK CHAMBER

The Cork Chamber of Commerce, in its annual report, protest against the continued levy of Cocket-tax on imports.

Originally the levy applied to foreign entries, but since the establishment of the Free State the imports from Great Britain are classed as foreign. As a result, the amount of the levy has increased from £160 a few years ago to £1,650 at present. The levy is disbursed after a percentage for the cost of collection by dividing the balance between the Commercial Buildings and the Harbour Board.

The Chamber of Commerce has thus gained to the extent of about £750 since the establishment of the Free State, but that gain is not considered sufficient warrant for the continuance of the tax, which is considered unfair to shippers who import goods. The matter has been brought to the notice of the Port and Harbours Tribunal, with a suggestion that it should be discontinued. Probably the tribunal may recommend its discontinuance, but as the tax is a legal liability it may require Free State legislation to remove it.

The inclusion of imports from Great Britain in the category to which the tax was originally applied is a serious grievance, and makes its imposition wider than was intended when it was first devised.

The report refers with satisfaction to an increase in the shipping trade at Cork, and a slight decrease in dues is attributed to reductions in some of the charges for imports of wheat and exports of cattle and eggs.

The collection of dues reported at the meeting of the Finance Committee of the Harbour Board totalled £29,176 for the period from August 1 last to December 1, showing a small decrease on the corresponding period last year.

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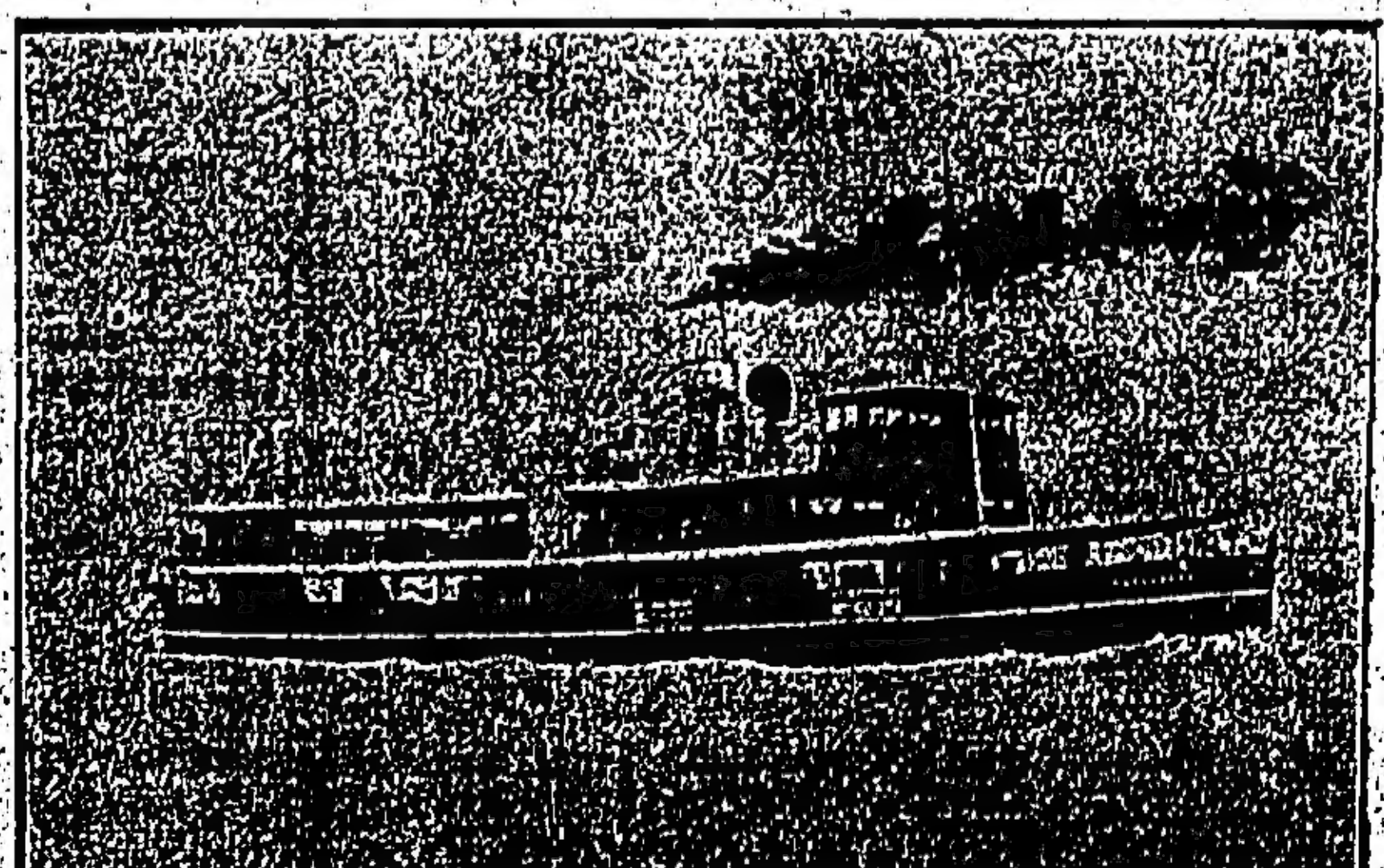
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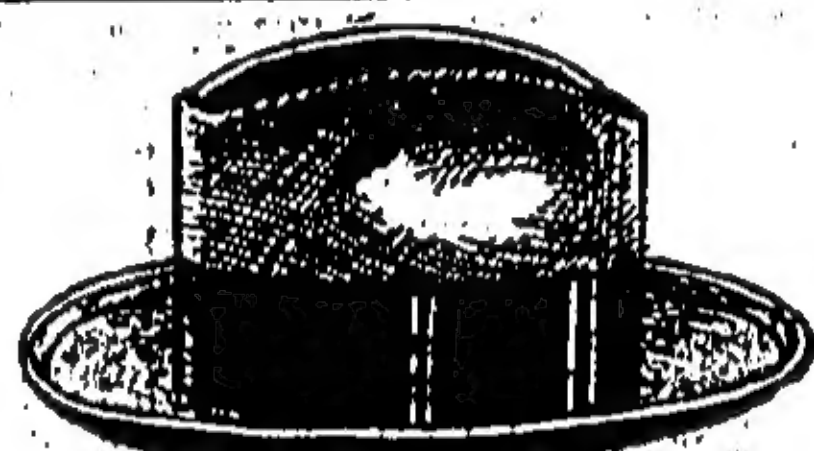
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BIRTHS

BEITH.—On January 12, 1929, at
the Country Hospital, Shanghai,
to Mr. and Mrs. Ian Beith,
a son.

MUMMERY.—On January 12, 1929,
at the Victoria Nursing Home,
Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs. J.
W. C. Mummery, a daughter,
Maureen Madeleine Sophie.

MARRIAGE

ZIA-NYIEN.—On January 15,
1929, in Nioh, only daughter
of Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Zia, to
Mr. P. V. Nyien, both of Shang-
hai.

DEATHS

BAHR.—On January 15, 1929, at
Kluang, Peter Bahr, age 47.
HBAPS.—On January 15, 1929, at
the Country Hospital, Shanghai,
Gladys Mabel Heaps, youngest
daughter of the late Rev. and
Mrs. Heaps, Forest Hill, Lon-
don, aged 38 years.

Hong Kong, Friday, Jan. 18, 1929.

THE "IRENE" PIRACY AFTERMATH

There will be very general
agreement with the decision of Sir
Henry Gollan, C.B.E., the Chief
Justice, in the action raised at
the instance of the China Mer-
chants' Steam Navigation Com-
pany, with regard to the loss of
the s.s. "Irene" belonging to that
company. That unlucky vessel, it
will be recalled, had the misfor-
tune to fall into the hands of
pirates and to be in possession of
the pests when she was discovered
by H.M. Submarine L4, then
commanded by Lt-Commander
F. J. C. Hallahan, just as the
pirates were taking her into their
lair at Bias Bay. That was a good
while ago, but on October 20,
1927, the "Irene" was discovered

been considerable trouble with
the pirates of Bias Bay, and it
was generally recognised that the
action of the submarine's com-
mander was one that reflected dis-
tinction upon himself and credit
upon the work of the British Navy
in these waters.

The manner in which the Sub-
marine Commander went about
his delicate task was sensible in
the extreme and in no way ruth-
less, as it might very justifiably
have been in the circumstances.
He had, of course, to take into
consideration the fact that a large
number of innocent persons were
aboard the "Irene" and, with
that in mind, he had to exercise
and did exercise the utmost
vigilance. He gave those in
charge of the "Irene" every op-
portunity to "heave to" and, had
all been well with that vessel,
such an order from a warship
would have been complied with
immediately. The pirates, how-
ever, so near their destination,
were naturally loathe to be frus-
trated and recognising that their
lives and their booty were in
jeopardy they attempted to evade
the submarine. They were un-
successful but not before the
L4's commander had found it im-
perative to fire a few shots which
effectually decided the matter.
These are the facts.

The "Irene's" owners' tacit con-
tention that they, having nothing
whatever to do with the pirates,
had a just claim in the damage
done to their vessel by the
submarine, filed a claim for
a sum totalling \$536,000 "plus
\$1,000 a day (for over a year)
not against the British Admiralty
but against the gallant com-
mander of the L4. It was a big
threat to hang, Damocles' sword
like, over the head of the young
commander and one can well
imagine his feelings of relief on
hearing the decision and fully
sympathise with him in his ex-
clamation: "I am now a free man
again."

The unfortunate owners' con-
tention that their vessel was
wrongfully sunk very properly
fell to the ground on defender's
plea being fully substantiated to
the effect that the shot which did
the damage was fired "as the re-
sult of express orders" was an
"Act of State" and that a despatch
to that effect had been sent by
the Secretary of State for the
Colonies. At the Chief Justice's
suggestion, the defendant's action
fact was that defendant's action
was not a "private" one and that
the "Irene" was not a "private"
vessel. His order to

those in charge of the "Irene"
having been ignored and the
position being evidently one of
extreme gravity, he had no alter-
native than to act as he did. The
"Irene's" owners were doubly un-
lucky in that their vessel was pi-
rated and then made the target for
submarine shot, and all will fully
sympathise with them in their
misfortune. Had they, however,
won their case against Lt-Com-
mander Hallahan, naval officers
would have been in a sorry plight
when next they discovered a mer-
chant vessel in the hands of
pirates!

In Loquacious Numbers

The League of Anti-Imperial-
ism, which came into prominence
a few days ago by reason of the
detention of some British dele-
gates by the Belgian authorities,
has completed its sitting at
Cologne in a manner fitting its
queer title. According to the
brief cable received in connection
with the function, which is all we
have, to judge upon, Imperialism
(whatever interpretation the
League places upon the term)
did not figure upon the agenda to
any appreciable extent. The de-
bate appears to have been taken
up with a consideration of the
attitude of Trade Unionism
towards the League, and here the
speakers showed themselves to be
as "anti-ordinary ideas as held
by the various workers' organisa-
tions as they no doubt are anti-
imperialistic. It seems the British
Rightists like Mr. Thomas
were attacked because they were
not sufficiently Leftist, while the
British Leftists like Mr. Cook
were attacked because they were
not sufficiently Bolshevik, and it
forcibly illustrates the attitude
of mind of the League's members
when an out-and-out Leftist such
as Mr. Cook has to stand in de-
fence of his conduct. However,
the little party has broken up,
having divulged sufficient of its
sentiments to warn the authori-
ties at Home, and on the contin-
ent that the Red element is
still abroad in loquacious numbers
in Europe.

"Hope and work create vitality."
To cure a person,
more than material agencies are
needed; the mental and spiritual
surroundings must be right. One
day this principle will find general
acceptance for all chronic dis-
ease—"The Spectator" (London).

Thirteen cases of small-pox and
two of diphtheria, all Chinese,
were reported yesterday.

The Canadian National Rail-
ways and the American Express
Co. have both issued handy little
celluloid pocket-book calendars
for 1929.

The British-American Tobacco
Company has issued its Chinese
Calendar for 1929, an extremely
artistic production in four sheets,
depicting in soft tones and sym-
pathetic colourings the seasons.

The wonderful nature film "The
Birth of a Flower," will be shown
at the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon,
on Saturday and Monday, at 12.30
p.m. This will be the last chance
to see this interesting study of
nature.

The Directors of The Hong
Kong Land Investment & Agency
Co., Ltd. have declared a final
dividend of \$2 per share. This,
with the interim dividend of \$2
already paid, makes \$4 in all for
the year 1928.

The annual meeting of the Boy
Scouts Association (Hong Kong
branch), will be held at 5 p.m.
on Tuesday, January 22, 1929, in
St. John's Cathedral Hall. His
Excellency the Governor, Chief
Scout of Hong Kong, will be pre-
sent.

A small fire broke out on board
the s.s. "Taishan" last night
when the vessel was on her way
from Canton to Hong Kong. For-
tunately the flames, which broke
out in the third class compart-
ment, were soon put out and there
was no damage done.

A Chinese was yesterday
knocked down by one of the
Hong Kong and Shanghai Trading
Co.'s vehicles. The victim, who
sustained fractures to the right
arm and left thigh, was taken to
the Government Civil Hospital
for treatment. The vehicle, it
was reported, mounted the pav-
ement in trying to turn up Garden
road from Queen's road.

A man was arrested by a Chi-
nese detective at Yumai for be-
ing in possession of a basket con-
taining clothing, believed to have
been stolen. It was later dis-
covered that the things belonged
to a man living at No. 222, Prince
of Wales Road, and were the
property of a Chinese named
Kam-tung, who was living at
No. 222, Prince of Wales Road.

NEW \$500 NOTES

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H.K. BANK STATEMENT

Five hundred dollar notes of a
new design will shortly be issued
by the Hong Kong and Shanghai
Banking Corporation, thus com-
pleting that institution's inter-
change of replacing their entire
circulation of notes in this Colony.

The new notes, which are
slightly shorter than the old, are
of a light purple shade with the
centre of the front and a border
on the back in polychrome.

In conformity with the pre-
vious notes of this issue, a pro-
minent feature is the medallion
carrying a water-marked head of
Britannia and the figures "500".
This is balanced by a seated
female figure whilst the centre is
taken up by the Bank's crest and
the words "Five hundred dollars".
The figures "500" occupy each
corner, three of them having the
Chinese equivalent adjacent.

The reverse has a view of the
main entrance of the Bank as a
centrepiece, surmounted by a
herald and flanked by two oblong
panels, one having the denomi-
nation "500 dollars" in it and the
other the head of Britannia pre-
viously mentioned.

The serial number will be seen
in six places, two on the face and
four on the reverse.

The notes are dated October,
1927, and will be autographed
by two members of the Bank
staff.

SUICIDE'S WARNING

"GAS ON: MIND
LIGHTS"

Suicide, while of unsound mind
was the verdict returned at
Brixton on William John Goring,
64, who retired from the position
of chief at Buckingham Palace
seven years ago. He was found
dead in a gas-filled room at his
home in Ribblesdale-road, Streath-
ham. Pinned to the wall in the
hall was the notice: "Gas on;
mind lights; open windows."

A note found on the kitchen
table read: "Dearest, my brain is
going wrong for want of rest and
pain. You know how I have
been."

Maria Amelia Goring, the
widow, stated that her husband
had been depressed. He was very
seldom free from pain, and had
been unable to sleep. Latterly his
life had been a misery to him.

Dr. T. H. Brown said that death
was due to gas poisoning. Goring
had been suffering from an in-
ternal growth, and must have
been in constant pain.

The coroner, Mr. Douglas Cow-
burn, said that Goring had been a
victim of that curse of modern
life, insomnia, and one could hard-
ly wonder that his life became
such an intolerable misery that he
determined to anticipate matters
in this way.

MRS. PANKHURST

PROPOSED STATUE IN
LONDON

Admirers of the late Mrs. Pank-
hurst propose to erect a statue to
her memory, and have also pur-
chased her portrait, painted by
Miss Brackenbury, for ultimate
presentation to the National Por-
trait Gallery.

Mrs. Flora Drummond is chair-
man of a representative group
which is sponsoring the scheme,
and Viscountess Rhonda is the
treasurer of the fund.

Mrs. Drummond stated to a re-
porter that the scheme had the
support of many of Mrs. Pank-
hurst's old associates, and they
aimed at raising a sum of \$3,000.
They hoped to erect the statue on
a Westminster site, and also in-
tended to place a head-stone over
Mrs. Pankhurst's grave in Brompton
Cemetery. Under the regulations
of the National Portrait Gallery
the portrait could not be pre-
sented for a number of years.

BROADCLOTH

ENGLISH STUFF "STILL
HOLDING ITS OWN"

"Good old English broadcloth
still holds its own the world over,"
said Colonel the Earl of Denbigh
at a Court dinner of the Cloth-
workers' Company, held at their
hall, Mr. Charles B. Orme Clarke,
the Master, presided, and was
supported by Wardens R. W.
Taylor, J. E. Humphrey, F. W.
Bouring, and S. N. Horne.

PRAPS PRAPS NOT

"Well, old chap, had a good
day's shooting?"
"Sporty One: "No; not very suc-
cessful! Only shot one bird,
and that was a hare which I
knocked down with a stick."

"Yes; this is indeed a wonder-
ful racehorse! As a matter of
fact, he only lost one race during
the whole of last season."
"How many races did he win?"
"Oh, he only ran once!"

Mrs. Juntup: "To whom are
you writing, dear?"

Her Husband: "The Inspector
of Taxes."
Mrs. J.: "Oh, then, do tell him
about that horrid one I travelled
to the shops in yesterday."

They were having a lesson on
bad habits, but one small boy was
not paying much attention.
"Now, Peter," said the teacher
to him by way of a test: "What
do we find it easy to get into and
very difficult to get out of?"
"Red," promptly replied Peter.

It was an ancient village, and
the ancient fire brigade arrived
at the scene of the fire to find the
burning building a mass of smoke.
The chief made a careful inspec-
tion and then lit his pipe.

"We'd better leave it alone,
boys, until it burns up a bit," he
said; "then we'll be able to see
what we're doing."

For years he had been terribly
hemped. One morning at
breakfast he said to his wife,
"My dear, I had a queer dream
last night. I thought I saw an-
other man running off with you."
"Indeed," said his wife. "And
what did you say to him?"
"Oh!" he answered; "I asked
him why he was running."

The teacher had been lecturing
the class on the instinct display-
ed by animals and birds. He com-
pared it with human beings to the
latter's disadvantage. He invited
his pupils to ask questions on the
subject.

Percy: "I want to know, sir,
what makes chickens know how
big our egg cups are?"

"It's a blinkin' shame," said the
Australian.

"It's Prohibition again."
"But what has Prohibition got
to do with calling your national
flower Mimosa?" asked his friend.
"Well," explained the Aus-
tralian, "they don't like wattle-
savours too much of 'Wattle you
have.'"

"Yes, doctor," said the patient;
"I have been suffering like this
for a long time. I consulted the
chemist—"

"You consulted the chemist?"
exclaimed the doctor. "Good gra-
tious, man, you surely know chem-
ists always give stupid advice.
What did he tell you to do?"
"He told me to come to you,"
said the patient.

She was a woman of somewhat
flighty appearance, showing more
silk stockings than her years war-
ranted. The Vicar's small daugh-
ter, aged eight, opened the door
to her and surveyed her with
some disapproval.

"Is the Vicar in?" inquired the
visitor.
"He's gone out," was the reply.
"But mother is in, and she'll pray
for you, you miserable sinner!"

At the end of the eighth round,
the badly-bruised boxer thought
he had had enough of it for one
evening. The seconds did not
agree with him, however, and de-
clared that he still stood a chance.
"But," pleaded the boxer in a
tired voice, "I can hardly see 'im."
"Never mind," said one of the
seconds, cheerfully. "It 'im from
memory!"

The New Vicar. "And the next
question is, dear friends, the
carol-singing. From what I learn,
a couple of tenors would brighten
the singing, and—er—I think I
can find them for you."

The Spokesman: "On behalf of
the singers, I thank 'ee, sir; I'm
sartin' sure it'll make us sing
more 'earty. You see, sir, last
season was 'ere twenty year and
he never gave us a penny."

A new-rich man bought a big
place in the country and deter-
mined to devote himself to rustic
pursuits. To a friend he con-
fided some of his ideas.
"I'm going to have a big lake
and breed salmon."

"Oh," said his friend, "you
can't do that, old man. Salmon
have extraordinary habits, you
know. They've got to go down
to the sea every year, or some-
thing like that."
"What?" cried the rich man.
"I don't mind taking the wife and
the kids down to the seaside each
year, but I don't mind taking the
fish down to the sea!"

MURDER CHARGE**FURTHER ALLEGATIONS OF CONFESSIONS****EXTRAORDINARY STATEMENT**

More sensational evidence was given, before Major C. Willson, O.B.E., at the Central Magistracy yesterday afternoon, at the resumed hearing of the case in which a Chinese, formerly employed as a blacksmith in the Royal Naval Dockyard, is charged with the alleged murder of Fung Man-chiu, a young student of St. George's School, in Kennedy-road on the night of February 22, 1927.

Yesterday's witness was Li Yau-lum, also a blacksmith working in the Naval Yard. He alleged that the accused mentioned the Kennedy-road affair to him on no fewer than four occasions. On the first occasion the witness did not pay much notice to what the accused said, treating it as a joke.

The second time accused alluded to the affair, he told witness that he had made some money in Kennedy-road when he stabbed a person to death, but misfortune had dogged him ever since and he was beginning "to shed his hair." Accused also volunteered the information that the money he obtained in the affair was lost in gambling, adding, "It is not much use."

"Am Poor As Ever" On the third occasion, in the blacksmith's work-shed, accused again spoke of the affair in the possible hearing of two or three others. He bemoaned that he was being worn away by remorse, adding that "all the money he got out of it was gone and he was as poor as ever."

The last time accused mentioned the murder was one day in November, also in the Naval Yard. Accused then described the murder. He said that he and one Kam Lam-kwai had been to Kennedy-road to make money. (Kam was the man who was arrested with the accused, but subsequently released on account of insufficient evidence against him.)

According to the witness the accused explained on this occasion that Kam was the first to approach the man and woman in Kennedy-road. Whilst Kam spoke to the woman, he (accused) approached from the opposite side, and using an instrument, aimed a blow at the man. Accused added that he did not mean to cause more than a superficial wound, concluding, "I did not mean to stab him to death."

The Police on the Track Witness added, in examination by Mr. Somerset Fitzroy, Assistant Attorney-General, that he did not make a report to the police, and did not say anything of the alleged confessions to anybody until a Chinese detective, named Shek Tul, came to see him on November 9.

Time-keeper's Evidence A. G. Markar, a time-keeper at the Naval Yard, deposed from the records that accused attended work as usual in the blacksmith shop on the day of the murder. He was absent on the afternoon of February 23, but returned to work on the 24th.

PARTIAL DEATH

In the course of one of the addresses at the staff meetings of the Mayo Clinic, Dr. E. Libman spoke on the subject of invasion of the body during life by the *Bacillus aerogenes capsulatus*, especially after operations, when it may imitate lung complications, such as emphysema and broncho-pneumonia, and may cause unexplained post-operative deaths. The clinical picture in these cases is "moderate fever, signs in the lung resembling broncho-pneumonia, and then a sudden sharp ending with pulmonary oedema and very high temperature. If a patient has a cadaveric look or emits a cadaveric odour, or if the peculiar blue discolorations of the skin are present, there is more reason to suspect the presence of this condition."

Dr. Libman answers his own inquiry, "What is the meaning of this general invasion?" by suggesting that the patient may be regarded as partly dead, which would account for the cadaveric appearance and odour, and the multiplication of bacteria which does not occur under ordinary conditions. This question of partial death, which had interested him for years, he found to be no new idea, for Michel Peter, in his lectures on heart disease (*Lecons de clinique medicale*, 1870, II, 791), dealt with "mort partielle," and a century earlier Bichat, in his monograph *Recherches physiologiques sur la vie et la mort*, discussed the problem with particular reference to the brain, lungs, and heart, and the influence of death of one organ on the others, a subject in these days familiar enough in connection with gangrene of the extremities. Dr. Libman quoted in conclusion Peter's expressive remark, "One lives when one stops dying."—*British Medical Journal*.

MUSICAL COMEDY**FRED COYNE'S LONDON COMPANY****MONDAY AT STAR**

Coming to Hong Kong after a highly successful tour of England, South Africa, India, Ceylon, Siam and the Straits Settlements, Fred Coyne's London Musical Comedy Company opens a season at the Star Theatre on Monday next at 9.15 p.m. confident of the same welcome accorded them wherever they have played. Mr. Coyne himself has previously visited Hong Kong as leading comedian in the Bandman Companies and in a recent letter to an old friend he says:—"In bringing the company to Hong Kong I am returning to ground in which I hope I am still remembered, and the encouraging receptions in India make me hope for as kindly a welcome from new acquaintances as I think I can count on from old friends."

The local season opens with a sparkling revue "Keep Moving" and will be followed by "Blue Birds," "On The Road," "Something Doing" and "The Speed Limit." In the order named. Each piece is a distinct production and will be given on two consecutive nights. The prices of admission will be at the popular figures of \$3, \$2, and \$1, and seats may now be booked in advance at Montreil's and The Star Theatre.

STOLEN KISSES**COMEDY-DRAMA LAID IN NEW YORK**

An all-star cast, containing the names of many film players who are idolized by millions played in "Cheap Kisses" which comes to the Majestic Theatre, Kowloon, on Sunday, for two days.

Lillian Rich and Cullen Landis are seen in two of the principal roles. Vera Reynolds, Phillip Smally, Louise Dresser, Jean Herschot, Bessie Eytan are among the balance of the cast.

"Cheap Kisses" is a comedy-drama, laid in New York. It deals with the fate of young people thrown into a hectic life of drinking and dancing. It tells a story with a punch and with a lesson and tells it with intense dramatic episodes.

A show girl, but a "different" show girl who loves a home and the things that go with it, is thrown into a millionaire's jazz parties. How she emerges unscathed, and saves her husband as well, is told in a gripping manner that holds interest to the very finish.

EMPIRE ACADEMY**ITS NEW HOME IN FAMOUS BUILDING**

The British Empire Academy has acquired the New Burlington Galleries, Burlington-gardens, London, and British artists are now assured of a worthy home for the exhibition of their works.

It is proposed to hold an exhibition of works of Colonial and Dominion artists living near enough to London to send their works to the galleries by Easter. Later, a more comprehensive exhibition, representative of the whole Empire, will be held.

The acquisition has been made possible by the generosity of the Earl of Dysart, the Earl of Ducie, Lord Howard de Walden, Sir John and Lady Shelley Rolls, Mrs. McCouchlin, and others.

The New Burlington Galleries were formerly the famous old Bristol Hotel and the Ladies' Army and Navy Club.

Interior Arrangements Its rooms consist of a large gallery leading to a supper-room and three smaller galleries. There is a balcony lounge running the whole length of the building.

Sir Henry Barwell, Agent-General for South Australia, speaking to a large audience of people interested in the objects of the British Empire Academy, said that Mr. W. Howard Robinson was the founder of the academy, and all that had been accomplished had been due largely to his efforts.

The object of the academy was to promote aid, and unite all the arts throughout the Empire, and the movement was one which must tend to strengthen still further the bonds which bind the people of the Motherland to their kinsmen overseas.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

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THE KING'S NURSES**THEIR SKILL, CHARM AND DISCRETION****NAMES REVEALED**

Four women in whom all London today is interested are the King's nurses, whose names have only just been revealed.

It was Lord Dawson of Penn who selected them for their responsible task of helping to bring the King back to health. He chose them on the experience and from a personal knowledge gained in their association with him either at London Hospital or in attendance upon distinguished personalities over many years. At least three of them have nursed royalty before.

Not since the King's illness became grave have there been fewer than two of them in the sick-room at the Palace or within immediate call.

"It is possible to say," an eminent nursing authority told the "Evening Standard," "that nobody could have co-operated with the Queen—herself a nurse—with greater tact, judgment and quiet hope than these four women."

Trained in London "All are London trained, and all are highly esteemed by colleagues and doctors at the hospitals where they have had their training, and where (at the London Hospital) two of them are still on the staff."

Lord Dawson chose them knowing that they would have also the approval of Sir Stanley Hewitt and the other eminent doctors called to the palace."

The two London Hospital nurses are Nurse Purdie and Nurse Davies. Nurse Purdie was trained at Westminster Hospital and Nurse Gordon at St. Thomas's. These two are now on the staff of a private nursing association in St. George's-square.

"They are just at their best age for nursing, and they are well advanced in their profession," said the matron of this organisation. "That is all that can or need be said of them."

All four began their nursing career several years before the war. Two of them nursed on more than one military front in the years 1914-1918. One of them has had nursing experience in many lands.

The Helping Smile

A friend explained:—"They are women with quiet voices, each one the essence of discretion, and always tireless at her post. They are charming in manner, and I think I am right in saying that each one has, on occasion, a rare smile. You know, a smile and true skill are the finest assets a nurse can have, especially in a prolonged illness."

"All that we have learned from either of them who have been able to snatch an hour from the Palace has been what we have known all ready from the bulletins. It is as much professional etiquette with them not to discuss their high calling or themselves as it is with the most eminent doctor."

The two nurses at the London Hospital were chosen from a staff of nearly 700.

PEERAGE CLAIMS**CLAIM OF COL. W. SELBY-LOWNDES**

The Committee for Privileges have officially reported to the House of Lords on the claim of Col. W. Selby-Lowndes to the Barony of Montacute (1299) that it has been established subject to certain attenders being removed, but that Mr. Constantine Joseph Lubinski-Bodenham failed to show that there was created any Barony of Montacute (1857) or Pole of Montagu (1529).

With regard to the claim of Mr. Thomas Wentworth Russell, commandant of the Cairo city police, to the Baronies of Beauchamp and Mordaunt, it was held that they were in abeyance and at the disposal of his Majesty.

H.M.S. "Cumberland," one of the five county-class cruisers, left Penang on Wednesday, and arrived at Port Swettenham yesterday.

MISSING MONEY**LOCAL BANK'S LOSS OF 5,000 GUILDER****STRANGE AFFAIR**

Out of a sum of 35,885 guilders, in bank notes consigned by the P. and O. Bank in Hong Kong to the N. I. E. M. Bank in Batavia, (the Nederlandsch-Indische Escompto Maatschappij)—it was reported to the police yesterday that 5,000 guilders had disappeared in transit.

On January 4 the money was taken to the Post Office and duly registered by a European official of the local bank, and remitted to the Dutch colony.

Information of the loss was sent to the local bank on Tuesday last.

MINISTRY OF SEX**PROFESSOR HUXLEY'S 2028 VISION**

A Ministry of Sex was among the official activities which would be necessary in the year 2028, declared Professor Julian Huxley at the dinner of the Institution of Professional Civil Servants, London.

The Ministry, he explained, would determine how many men and how many women were required, and would change sex when required. Other Ministries suggested were:

A Ministry of Heredity and Eugenics to decide how many legal, scientific, and other professional men were required;

A Ministry of Biological Control (now the Ministry of Health);

A Ministry of Population, which might adjust the supply there effectively through the Labour Exchanges;

A Ministry of Applied Psychology which might enable us to do without politicians.

Science, he continued, had its dangers. With the advance of mechanism there was the fear that the world might be divided into those who thought and those who used the products of others' thought. Finally, science might find power before the scientists were ready for it.

The Air Ministry

Sir Samuel Hoare, Secretary of State for Air, proposing the toast of the institution, said:

"We at the Air Ministry owe much to the professional staff." In the invention of the motor wing, probably one of the greatest aeronautical inventions of recent years—and in inquiries into a constant source of accidents, namely, wing "butter," the professional members of the Air Ministry have played an invaluable part.

"I believe that the work of the Civil Service will become more and more specialised," he continued. "More and more will the machine of government become complex, and more and more will be the need for the specialist. While you specialists be careful to keep in touch with the other activities of the country, and do not allow your department to be isolated from the rest of the life of the nation."

Sir Richard Redmayne, replying, said that in Sir Samuel Hoare they felt they had a real and valued friend. In a few weeks they would reach the tenth anniversary of the formation of the institution.

Mr. F. A. A. Menzies, chairman of the council, proposing the toast of "The Guests," said that during Sir Samuel's tenure of office there had been changes in the position of science at the Ministry. Not only did Sir Samuel take an interest in the scientific work performed, but kept in touch also with leading scientists outside the service.

Sir Russell Scott, chairman of the National Whitley Council, responded.

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SHADOWS BEFORE.**COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN "THE MAIL"**

To-day—Theatre Royal; The Macdonald Players present "You Never Can Tell," at 9.15 p.m.

To-day—Queen's Theatre "The Enemy."

To-day—World Theatre; "Dangerous Money" (at 5.10 & 9.15); Chinese picture "The Spider" (at 2.30 & 7.15).

To-day—Star Theatre; "Proud Flesh."

To-day—Majestic Theatre; "Breed of the Sea."

Jan. 19—Farewell performance of Macdonald Players at Theatre Royal, "Man and Superman," 9.15 p.m.

Jan. 19-20—World Theatre; "Hot Water."

Jan. 19-20—Star Theatre; "The Love of Pharaoh."

Jan. 19 and 21—Special farewell showing of Clarke, Irvine's "Birth of a Flower" Majestic Theatre; 12.30 p.m.

Jan. 21—Star Theatre; Fred Coyne's Musical Comedy Company, 9.15 p.m.

Jan. 21-22—Theatre Royal; W. Heughan, the world-famous actor-singer and superb mime, 9.15 p.m.

Feb. 16—Variety entertainment by the K.O.S.B., as farewell to Mrs. Luard, Theatre Royal, 9 p.m.

Land Sale

Jan. 21—At P.W.D. Offices, one lot of Crown land at Shamshui, 3 p.m.

Auctions.

Jan. 19—At Sales Room, Duddell-st., a selection of woollen suit lengths, noon.

Jan. 24—At Sales Room, Duddell-st., household furniture, etc., 2.30 p.m.

Sports

Jan. 19—Fauling Hunt steeplechase, 3 p.m.

Jan. 19—Entries for Hong Kong Cricket Club Tennis Tournament close on this date.

Jan. 24—Ellis Kadoorie Indian School's annual sports, Indian Recreation Club ground, 2 p.m.

Jan. 27—Macao International Race Club meeting.

Jan. 27—Cross-country scramble, meet at Race Course, 10.30 a.m.

Feb. 3—Gymkhana of 2nd Battn. King's Own Scottish Borderers, at Kwant.

Feb. 9-10—Paperchase, etc., at Canton by invitation of Members of Canton Ride.

Meetings

Jan. 24—H.K.V.D.C. Sergeants' Mess Meeting, 8 p.m.

Jan. 29—Annual meeting of Officer Mess (H.K.V.C.C.), 5.45 p.m.

Jan. 29—Annual meeting of Hong Kong Automobile Asscn., Messrs. Jardine's board room, 5.30 p.m.

Jan. 31—Twenty-fourth annual meeting of Shareholders of Union Waterboat Co., Ltd., in the offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., 11 a.m.

Feb. 1—Annual general meeting of the Hong Kong Benevolent Society, St. John's Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m.

Feb. 2—Extraordinary meeting of Shareholders of the Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, City Hall, noon.

February 6—Forty-first ordinary general meeting of shareholders of the Hong Kong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd., at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., 12.30 p.m.

Feb. 23—Further extraordinary meeting of shareholders of Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, City Hall, 12.45 p.m.

Miscellaneous

To-day—Search light practice at Stonecutters.

To-day—Mr. L. A. Parker will read a paper on "The Lubrication of Internal Combustion Engines" (Diesel) at the Institution of Engineers, 8 p.m.

Jan. 19-20—Searchlight practice at Lyceum.

Jan. 21—First Church of Christ, Scientist, free lecture on "Christian Science," Old Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall, 5.45 p.m.

Jan. 24—Reception at Club Lusitano in honour of Mr. J. P. Braga, 5.30 p.m.

Jan. 24—H.K.V.D.C. M. L. Reunion dinner, Hong Kong Hotel, 8 p.m.

Jan. 29—H.K.V.D.C. Battery Dinner.

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There is the graphic account of the tragic wrecking of the s.s. "Hsinwah" outside Hong Kong's gates.

Two Unofficial members for Kowloon and two more Official members have been appointed to the Legislative Council. This epoch-making event is also described in the "Overland."

Two eloquent speeches on Sino-British relationship were delivered at the University congregation. Both are reproduced in the "Overland" in full.

Other articles include those describing the arrival of two foreign Admirals on official visits, and the landing here of the 1st Bn. the Somerset Light Infantry.

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CORPS ORDERS FOR THIS WEEK

TACTICAL EXERCISES

This week's orders for the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, issued by Lt.-Col. L. G. Bird, D.S.O., Commandant, are as follows:—

Field Day
On Sunday, Jan. 20, 1929, a field firing tactical exercise will be carried out at Fanling in which all units of the Corps will participate. All ranks are requested to keep the day open.

Attendance at this field day will count as one day in camp.

O.S.C. Units will submit probable numbers attending by 12 noon on Friday, Jan. 18, 1929.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, Jan. 18 between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, 2 and 4 p.m. or 5 and 6 p.m. and on Saturday, Jan. 19, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

All ranks will travel out on the 9.08 a.m. train from Kowloon not on the 9.15 a.m. as previously arranged.

Officers' Mess Meeting

The annual meeting of the Officers' Mess will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 29, at 5.45 p.m.

All Officers will attend.

Sergeants' Mess Meeting

There will be Sergeants' Mess Meeting on Thursday, Jan. 24, at 6 p.m. All members are expected to attend.

Musketry

(a) Musketry on Sunday, Jan. 20, 1929, is cancelled.

(b) The Battery and The Reserve Company will fire Table "T" at Stonecutters Range on Sunday, Jan. 27, 1929.

Range Officer: Lieut. C. P. Anderson, M.C.

Launch will leave Queen's Pier at 9 a.m. and call at Kowloon Pier at 9.10 a.m.

Dress: Musketry order, i.e., rifle, belt, bayonet, braces and pouches. Uniform or mufti optional.

Arms will be drawn from Corps Headquarters on Friday, Jan. 25, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, 2 and 4 p.m. or 5 and 6 p.m. and on Saturday, Jan. 26, between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

Corps Band

The Band will parade at full strength for practices as hereunder for G.O.C.'s Inspection.

Dress: Mufti.

Tuesday, Jan. 22, 5.30 p.m.—Lecture Room.

Wednesday, Jan. 23, 5.30 p.m.—Parade Ground for marching.

Friday, Jan. 25, 5.30 p.m.—Lecture Room.

The Battery

The attention of all ranks is drawn to Corps orders regarding Field Day on Sunday, Jan. 20. It is hoped that as many members as possible will attend with a view to studying the points arising in connection with Field operations of this nature. All who can attend and have not yet notified the O.C. Battery should do so by the afternoon of Friday, Jan. 18.

Musketry. The Battery will fire Part I, at Stonecutters on Sunday, Jan. 27, 1929. The attention of all ranks is drawn to Corps orders regarding same.

Battery Dinner.—The Battery Dinner will be held on the evening of Tuesday, Jan. 29, 1929.

Fuller details will be circulated to all ranks as soon as possible. Will all ranks please keep date free.

Engineer Co.

The Company will parade at 15.00 hours on Saturday, Jan. 19 at Queen's Pier for the purpose of proceeding to Lyemun for camp. Returning on Sunday night, Jan. 20 about 22.00 hours.

Dress: Helms, tunics, slacks, greatcoats, black boots, belt, haversack and waterbottle.

Corps Signals

Monday, Jan. 21. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Signal Instruction. Dress: Mufti.

Mounted Infantry Co.

Sunday, Jan. 20, 1929. Field Day at Fanling in accordance with Corps Orders. A full turn out of those available is expected in order to have sufficient numbers to carry out the duties assigned to this Company. Rifles will be carried except by Nos. 1 and 2 of gun team.

Armoured Car Co.

Car Section. Fridays, Jan. 18 and 25.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for run around the Island in the Armoured Car.

Monday, Jan. 21. Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Mufti.

Motor Cycle Section. Monday, Jan. 21, 1929. All ranks parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. sharp for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Mufti.

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Field Day. Sunday, Jan. 20, 1929.

It is hoped that every member will make a point of attending.

Motor Cycle outfits will be in charge of L/Cpls. Rogers and Thomas.

Machine Gun Co.

There will be a full strength parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 22 for Machine Gun Instruction under Sub-section Commanders. Dress: overalls.

Field Day. It is hoped that all ranks will make an effort to be present, especially those who missed a day in camp.

Scottish Co.

Thursday, Jan. 24, 1929.

Platoons will parade at 5.30 p.m. for Machine Gun Instruction, dress mufti, as follows:

Nos. 5 and 7 Platoons at Corps Headquarters.

No. 6 Platoon at Kowloon Dock.

Portuguese Co.

Parades. The Company will parade as strong as possible on Friday, Jan. 25 at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. It is hoped that all ranks will do their utmost to put in as many parades as possible until the end of the present training season.

Clothing and Equipment. The attention is called to Company Orders of Corps Orders of last week re specifications of clothing and equipment.

Reserve Co.

Parade at Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 23, 1929 for Machine Gun Instruction. Dress: Mufti.

Musketry Part I. The attention of all ranks is drawn to this Corps Order para. 4 regarding Table T, to be fired by the Company on Sunday, Jan. 27, 1929.

Strength

The following recruits are taken on the strength and posted as under:

No. 1436 Pte. W. Roy-Hawke, M. I. Company, as from 10.1.29.

No. 1437 Pte. J. A. Summert, No. 7 Platoon, as from 10.1.29.

No. 1438 Pte. C. C. Sousa, No. 10 Platoon, as from 10.1.29.

No. 1439 Gnr. H. F. Westlake, The Battery, as from 11.1.29.

No. 1440 Spr. D. E. Davies, Engineer Coy., as from 15.1.29.

Appointments

No. 1242 Pte. C. E. Backhouse and No. 1330 Pte. J. A. E. Kendrew, Mounted Infantry Company, are appointed Lance Corporals, as from 15.1.29.

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Star Ferries (old) \$73 1/4 sa

China Lights (comb.) \$12 1/4 s

SOCCER

Good League Programme For To-morrow

THE INTERPORT

Interesting Fight For The Championship

[By "Rover"]

Hong Kong League, Division I—Kick-off 4.00 p.m.

2nd K.O.S.B. Regt. v. Queen's Regt.—referee, L.S.B.A. Atkinson, R.N.

Kowloon v. Recreo—referee, Mr. Ip Kau-ko.

Police v. Club—referee, Captain Austin, R.A.

Royal Navy v. South China—referee, Mr. F. Smith.

Hong Kong League, Division II—Kick-off 2.30 p.m.

South China (A) v. Royal Navy Res.—referee, Mr. Samy.

K.O.S.B. Regt. Res. v. South China B.—referee, C.P.L. Lees.

Small Units Res. v. Queen's Regt. Res.—referee, Sgt. Bunting.

R.A.F. v. Recreo—referee, Mr. Stoakes.

St. Joseph's v. Kowloon Res.—referee, Pta. Lamb.

The Chinese Athletic matches in the first and second division with the R.A. and R.A. Res. have been postponed owing to the death of a prominent official of the former Club.

A full League programme is otherwise arranged for Saturday.

The defeat of South China by the Police on Wednesday last has added to the interest of the League championship and South China's check is all in the good interest of sport, for the League championship is and will be very open until the end of the competition.

On Saturday four good matches are down for decision. Queen's appear to have struck their old-time form, as their smashing defeat of the R.A. in the mid-week match was a remarkable performance.

The Borderers will provide much more stern opposition, although on their day the Queen's are the best Regimental side in the Colony, and they should take both points, with a full side, at Sookumpo.

Kowloon entertain Recreo and this should be a fine match, local rivalry adding to the interest. Kowloon took a point from Recreo at King's Park but they will require to be on their best behaviour to repeat this performance, and if the Recreo field their full Shield side, the points should go their way.

The Police added to their reputation on Wednesday last by a smart win over South China, and I was much impressed by the dash of the Police, also by the individual performances of Hudson, centre-half, and Fraser, centre-forward. The Police have not been served in these two positions so well for many seasons. All round the Police are a very capable side, and with the Club much improved, a great match should result. I think the Club will tumble to the Police game quicker than they do to the Chinese, and for this reason I would not be surprised to see Club snatch a point although on form the Police should win outright.

South China entertain Royal Navy at Caroline Hill and this match in the absence of the Athletic will draw the crowd at Hong Kong. The Navy showed on Saturday last that they can upset the best and South China will have to produce all their form to take full points. The Navy side will be strengthened by the arrival of "Cornwall." Navy, of course, are as familiar with Caroline Hill as the home team. South China went down to the Police on Wednesday after a very plucky fight, and a feature of the side is that they never cease trying, even when down.

This should be a rattling good match with both sides all out for points, and I fancy South China, unless they have really struck a poor patch, should just get home.

The 2nd Division programme is very interesting, inasmuch that Navy Res., Queen's Regt., and K.O.S.B. Regt., are all engaged and all running strong for the championship. All the teams mentioned have worthy opponents, and may have to fight hard for the points. I fancy the winners of the 2nd Division matches will

be Navy Res., K.O.S.B. Regt. Res., Queen's Regt. Res., R.A.F. and St. Joseph's.

Owing to the mid-week matches the Senior League Table is slightly altered but South China still remain on top while Queen's Regt., by their big win over the R.A., have jumped into second place, with the Athletic on the table.

Division I.	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
S. China	11	9	1	1	21	7	19
Queen's Regt.	11	8	1	2	22	9	17
China Ath.	11	7	3	1	28	16	17
H.K. Police	12	7	2	3	20	14	16
R.A.	12	6	0	6	20	24	12
K.O.S.B.	10	5	1	4	28	13	11
Recreo	11	4	3	4	32	25	11
Kowloon F.C.	11	3	4	5	9	16	8
Royal Navy	11	3	1	7	15	19	7
H.K.F.C.	10	2	2	6	14	31	6
Small Units	13	0	0	13	8	54	0

Division II.	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Navy	11	9	1	1	21	7	19
K.O.S.B.	10	8	1	1	23	9	17
China Ath.	8	6	1	1	21	4	13
Queen's Regt.	8	5	2	1	30	12	12
S. China "B"	11	5	2	4	18	21	12
Eastern	11	3	4	4	17	21	10
Small Units	13	3	3	7	16	40	9
R.A.F.	11	3	2	6	22	28	8
St. Joseph's	12	3	2	7	14	22	8
R.A. Res.	10	3	2	5	18	34	8
S. China "A"	12	1	4	7	15	26	8
Recreo Res.	12	3	2	7	14	39	8
Kowloon Res.	11	2	4	5	10	33	8

Interport Trial
The Interport Trial on Tuesday last was not a success and although the team selected for Wednesday's trial is a good one, yet I don't think this is the final selection. If the selected side turns out to a man, we may see a good match, but will they? None of the trials so far has been worth anything compared with the hard Club games where players have shown their real worth.

I think Wednesday's trial should be the final trial of all possibilities, and the probable team should then provisionally but not finally be selected and allowed a couple of really hard tests together for the sake of combination.

The "Sunday Herald" final between England and Portugal takes place on Saturday week and this is the type of match in which many of our Interport probabilities will have a thorough trying out.

The absence of outstanding Service players this year of the type of Sims, Northey, Hurst, McNiven, Rev. Alexander and Vernon has eased the Committee's task of selection considerably, but there are still very difficult positions to fill, the left-back position, the constitution of the half back line and the outside left position requiring very careful consideration indeed.

The honour of playing for the Interport is a big one in a football sense and although the large selection Committee has been selected with a view to studying

CUP REPLAYS

ONE MORE MATCH SETTLED

SOUTHAMPTON OUT

Third round association Cup replays resulted as follow:—

Orient 2, Southampton 1.

*Northampton 2, Millwall 2.

*After extra time—Reuter.

The full fourth round programme therefore is:—

Plymouth v. Bradford.

Liverpool v. Bolton.

Portsmouth v. Bradford City.

Arsenal v. Mansfield.

Manchester United v. Bury.

Blackburn v. Derby.

Burnley v. Swindon.

Bournemouth v. Watford.

West Bromwich v. Walsall or Middlesbrough.

Aston Villa v. Orient.

West Ham v. Corinthians.

Huddersfield v. Leeds.

Leicester v. Swansea.

Reading v. Sheffield Wednesday.

Millwall or Northampton v. Palace.

Chelsea v. Birmingham.

The above games take place on Saturday, January 26.

MACAO RACES

TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY WEEK

The next Race Meeting at Macao will take place on Sunday, January 27.

At one time it looked as if this date would not be available, owing to the fact that a gymkhana by the King's Own Scottish Borderers was to be held on the same date at Kwanti. Upon representations, however, Lieut.-Col. L. J. Comyn kindly consented to change the date of the regimental event in order that all available ponies should be free to go to Macao. The Secretary of the Macao International Race Club gratefully acknowledges the courtesy of Lieut.-Col. Comyn in this connection.

Further particulars of the Macao meeting will be announced later.

THE DAVIS CUP

TWENTY NATIONS NOW ENTERED

Paris, Yesterday.

Twenty nations, including Denmark and South Africa, both of whom have entered the European zone, have now entered for the Davis Cup.—Reuter.

TO KEEP PLAYING

DETERMINATION OF MISS HELEN WILLS

Oakland (Calif.), Yesterday. Miss Helen Wills in an interview regarding her plans after marriage emphasised that she would play tennis "as long as I can hold a racket."—Reuter's American Service.

SIM SHIELD HOCKEY

The following will represent the Navy versus Army in the Sim Shield Hockey Match at U. S. R. C. 4.30 p.m. to-day:—

Lieut. Taylor; Lieut. Comdr. Brown, Surg. Lt. Comdr. Phillips (Capt.); Lieut. John, Sub-Lieut. Freer, Pay Lt. Waters; Lt. Comdr. Manders; Lieut. Hale, Squadron Leader Keeble, Lieut. Atkinson, Lt. Phillips, R.M.

All Clubs in the League interests, in my opinion its size is a source of weakness, and I think the captain of the team, who should be Wynne or Clarke or McKelvie, should be co-opted on the Committee as soon as they are ready to make the final selection.

The following players have been selected to represent the Club v. Police on the St. Joseph's ground. Kick off at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 19:—Edwards; Holt; Bishop; McBride; Stewart; Watson; Reid; Alexander; Goldman; Scott; Trambitzky. Reserve: Buchanan.

GOLF

STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY

AT FANLING

9.20 a.m.	F. A. Merry, A. E. Lissaman.
9.24 "	V. M. Grayburn, E. D. Black.
9.28 "	F. Lobel, H. A. Mills.
9.32 "	L. G. S. Dodwell, H. U. Ireland.
9.36 "	A. R. Cox, E. P. Fletcher.
9.40 "	A. B. Raworth, D. G. Bruce.
9.44 "	A. C. I. Bowker, R. A. Campbell.
9.48 "	H. Spicer, T. L. Christie.
9.52 "	D. J. Gilmore, S. T. Butlin.
9.56 "	M. G. Mills, N. K. Littlejohn.
10.00 "	T. C. Monaghan, Major Beamish.
10.04 "	W. J. S. Key, W. Stewart.
10.08 "	Grimble, C. Thwaites.
10.12 "	E. P. Streetfield, N. H. Procter.
10.16 "	H. W. Moon, G. E. Mitchell.
10.20 "	W. Garrett, J. Hall.
10.24 "	J. S. Dykes, D. M. Goodall.
10.28 "	L. Garner, S. A. Sleep.
10.32 "	J. Waddell, W. Clark.
10.36 "	Bentley, A. Lacon.
10.40 "	A. W. Hay-Edie, K. L. Dugan.
10.44 "	R. A. Green, D. Ellis.
10.48 "	D. Forbes, T. Ramsay.
10.52 "	J. P. Sherry, W. A. Weight.
10.56 "	A. Leach, R. K. Hepburn.
11.00 "	C. W. Jeffries, L. J. Blackburn.
11.04 "	L. Yates, A. G. Coppin.
11.08 "	F. M. Ellis, S. S. Perry.
11.12 "	Lt. Comdr. Taylor, J. Thayer.
11.16 "	A. B. Purves, R. A. Redmond.
11.20 "	T. S. Whyte-Smith, L. R. Andrews.
11.24 "	O. E. C. Marton, I. H. Geare.
11.28 "	A. H. Ferguson, J. P. Warren.
11.32 "	E. D. Lawrence, I. W. Shewan.
11.36 "	J. Coulthart, S. Ellams.
11.40 "	J. Smith, N. A. Croucher.
11.44 "	W. J. Clerk, J. H. Raikes.

Boxing has made such pronounced progress in recent years that leading sportsmen have determined that it should occupy a position equal to football, racing, cricket, athletics, and lawn tennis. Therefore, everybody who has a love for one of the oldest of British pastimes is looking forward with intense interest to see the names of the sportsmen who will be eventually elected to act as the controlling body in this country.—"Athletic News."

The match, Third Lanark v. Celtic, was a very poor one, and it is evident to me that the general standard of First League football in Scotland is not what it was. Celtic were only a shadow of what they were a few seasons ago, yet they were too good for Third Lanark. The conditions, of course, were not conducive to a top-class display, but this does not by any means account for such thoroughly bad football as was shown in this game.—"The Mystery International."

The reason our men cannot compete with any success against the swimmers of other lands is because the Amateur Swimming Association have been slow in moving with the times. What they would not grasp was the fact that the "crawl" stroke had the "trudgeon" beaten for speed purposes. While America, Germany, and other countries went ahead distributing literature dealing with the modern strokes, the A.S.A. did nothing.—A "Sporting Chronicle" writer.

BILLIARDS

CLAUDE FALKNER AT THE SOUTH CHINA A.A.

A CLEVER EXHIBITION

Claude Falkner started his short season in Hong Kong at the club rooms of the S.C.A.A. last evening and before a capital attendance gave an extremely clever exhibition. Opposed by Mr. F. S. Leung, of the S.C.A.A., Falkner completed his 800 while his opponent, who made two breaks of 44 and one of 46, scored 346.

Falkner started slowly with a 39 and followed with a 75, a clever break, but in a small break of 44, the professional player gave a very fine exhibition of potting the red and placing his ball for the cannon by clever pulling back. Leung compiled a nice break of 44 with top of the table cannons and Falkner replied with a 177, the best break of the evening, scoring rapidly from a series of nursery cannons at the top of the table.

Falkner followed with a very nice break of 72 complied with all round shots, and after losing the white in the first shot went on to make a really clever 52 break off the red ball, his placing of the red ball after each successive in-off, being high class.

Although not at his best, Falkner gave a very clever all round display which was much appreciated, and following the Billiard match Falkner in a one-frame snooker match, scored 103 to his opponents 20 full of brilliant shots.

In exhibition billiard strokes following the snooker frame, Falkner delighted the company with some extremely clever running cannons, and masse shots, also a new item "looping the loop" this shot together with one or two in-offs bordering on the sensational.

Altogether a delightful opening exhibition and the company at the close showed much appreciation.

Falkner is just as good as on his previous visit, and although in such short games extremely large breaks are not possible, when settled down to his work the professional is an object-lesson for all Billiard amateurs, and a most attractive player to watch, possessing a big variety of strokes, and a deadly aim on the red. To-night Falkner is giving an exhibition at the Naval Lockyard Recreation Club and is engaged nightly at the various clubs during the next few days.

Breaks during the match:—Falkner:—39, 73, 30, 44, 38, 53, 37 (twice), 177, 72, 52. Leung:—33, 45, 44 (twice), 81.

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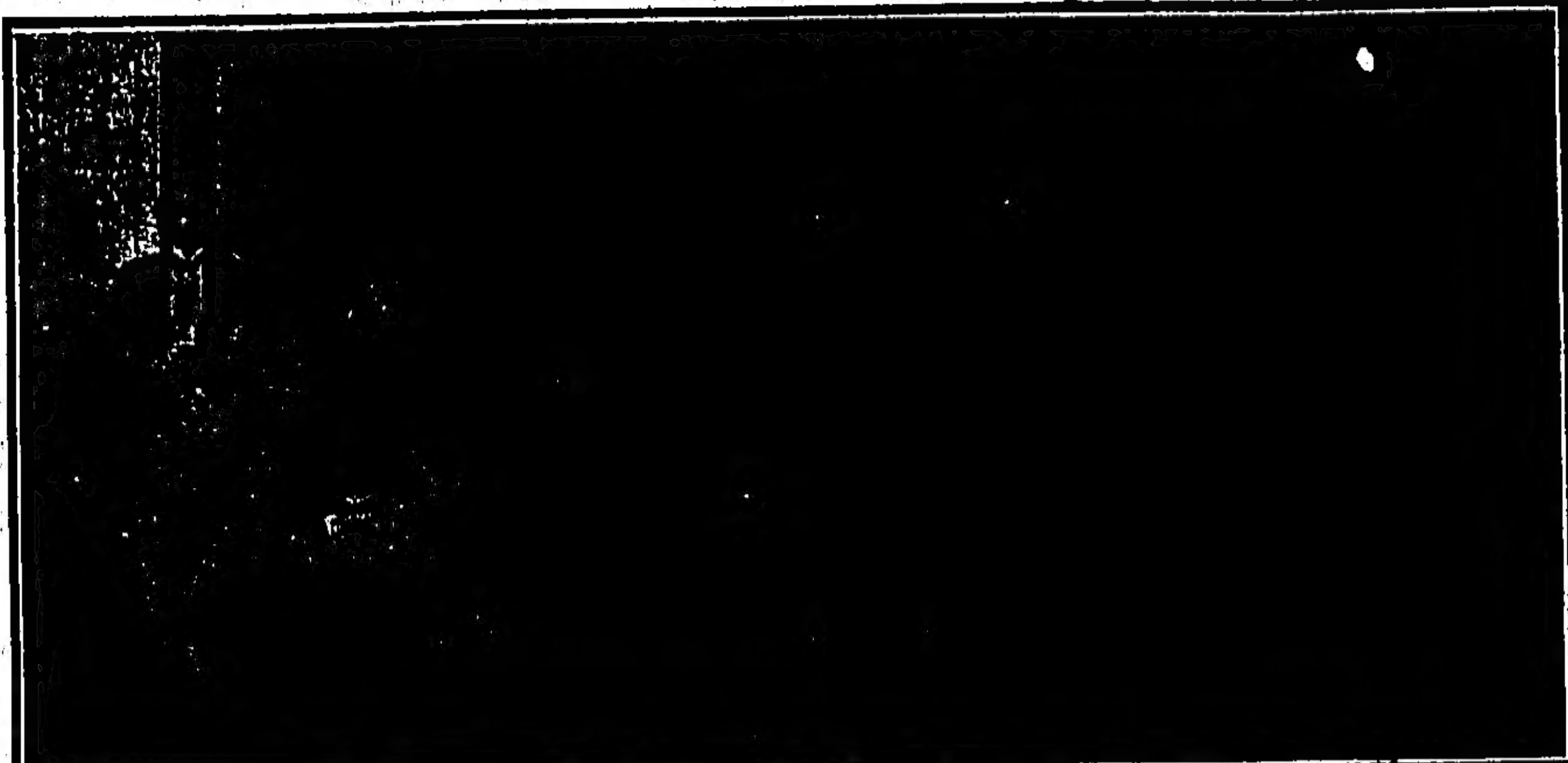
WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES.

Marceline Day



Another of the Hollywood stars.

New Year Festivities at International Country Club, Shanghai



A beau of the Directors' period, as represented by Mrs. Marie Sobchenka, secured the prize for the most attractive costume worn at the New Year's Eve Ball given at the International Country Club. Miss Neura Logi well deserved the award for the most original idea—a clever representation of "Shanghai Nights."

Nancy Carroll



An actress of Hollywood, who is interested in an ice-cream "parlour" as a side line.

Clara Bow



The popular film star, latest gossip about whom is that she is tired of the Australian honey bear which she bought for £4750.

Why Two Nations Nearly Went to War!



Eduardo Diaz de Medina, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of Bolivia to the United States, upon whose shoulders rested the burden of explaining his country's attitude towards Paraguay, at the Pan-American Conference.



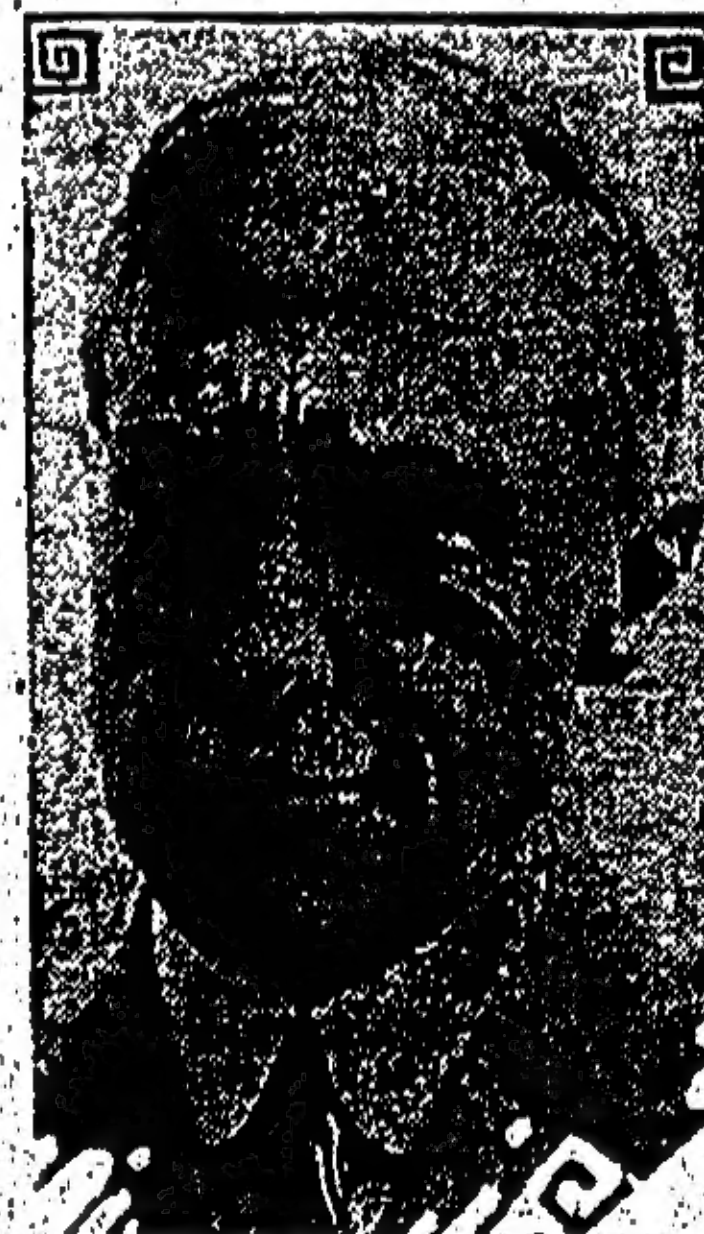
At right, Map of the Gran Chaco (two shaded positions) and the surrounding territory. Both Bolivia and Paraguay claimed the entire triangular area. Paraguay's rights to the lower, or southern, section, between Pilcomayo and Paraguay rivers, were sustained by President Hayes (United States) as arbitrator in 1878. Since then the area has been considered an essential part of Paraguay. In addition, Paraguay claimed the northern (diagonal shading) area, and here fighting occurred at force around Bahia Negra (indicated in black). Bolivia claimed the Gran Chaco under a charter from the King of Spain, Philip II, who, in 1565, granted this territory to the Audiencia de Charcas, a colonial government which later became independent and then was merged with Bolivia. The Gran Chaco embraces two smaller and indefinite wildernesses, the Chaco Boreal and the Chaco Central, the latter extending into Argentina, where, of course, no rights were in dispute.

Beauty Contest



Miss Ethel Gigg, a Kansas girl, who was voted to be the most attractive "co-ed" at a university. The voting contest followed an annual football match.

The Gyroscope



Best known, perhaps, for his development of the gyroscope and the gyro compass, Mr. Elmer Ambrose Sperry has been elected president of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers.

Austria's President

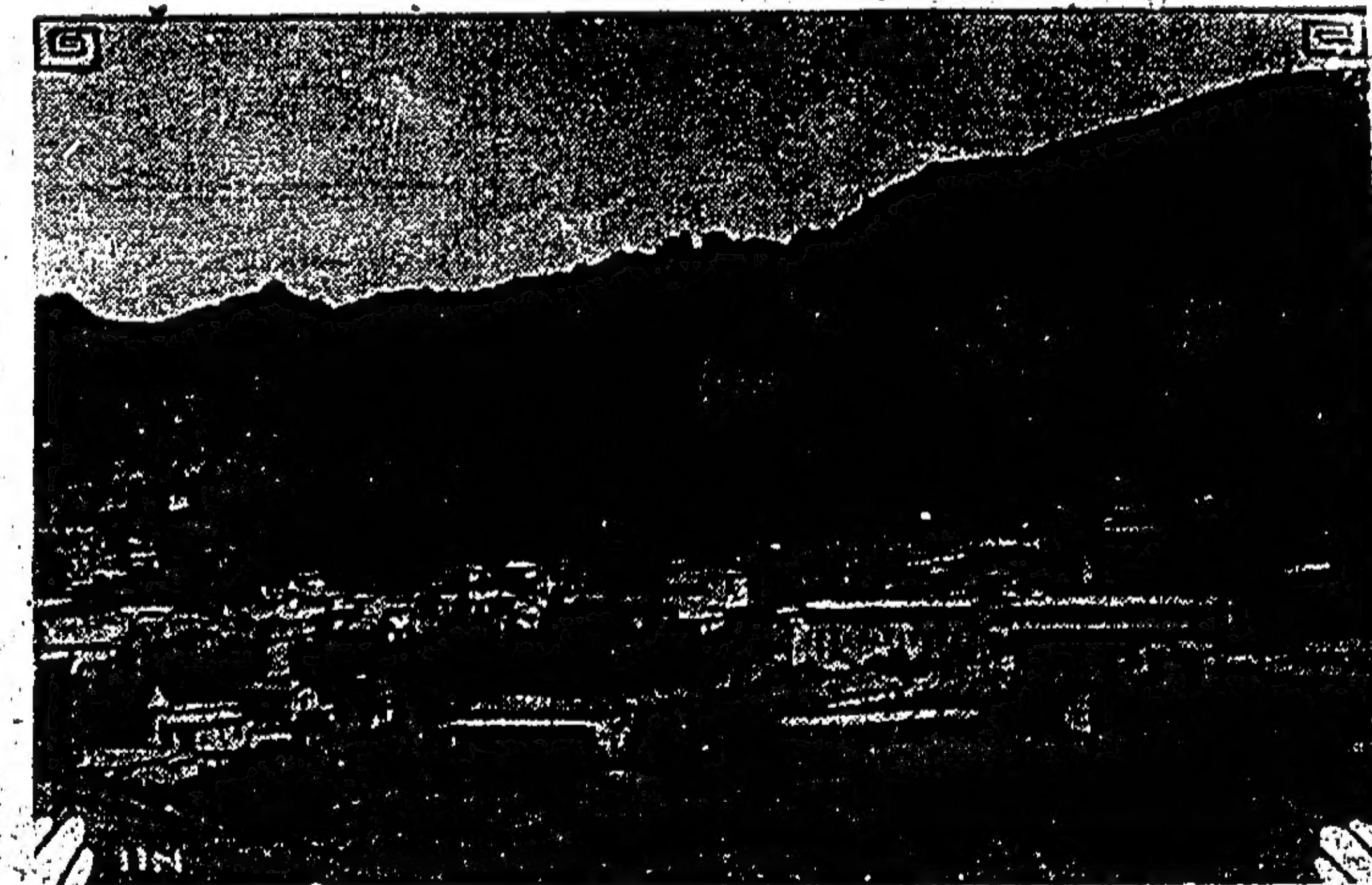


Wilhelm Miklas, President of the National Assembly of Austria, who was elected President of the Republic in succession to Dr. Michael Hainisch. The President-elect is 59 years old and a member of the Clerical party.

Charming Smile



Miss Joan Crawford, who had a charming smile, which she showed in a picture taken at the New Year's Eve Ball in Shanghai.



A view of La Paz, the capital of Bolivia, looking toward the Andes. Bolivia and Paraguay almost went to war. The dispute was settled by the Pan-American conference.

Y's Men's Christmas Party



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PANTOMIME & PLAY

SEASONABLE FARE AT THE R.A.M.

NEW "SLEEPING BEAUTY"

The theatre of the Royal Academy of Music was crowded in mail week for one of those students' entertainments which foreshadow the coming of Christmas. After a spirited rendering by the orchestra of a Bach overture in A, the curtain rose on a one-act play by Nevill Halsey called "Gamma."

A widow, Mrs. Blake, who had been crippled in a motor accident, lay on a couch hoping one day to see again the son who had been "missing" since the war. A girl who has been reading to her, and who had also been through the war, tells how her dead father had taught her how to use a revolver; and in the end, by a curious concatenation of circumstances, it is this damsel's fate to meet and shoot the missing son. A more lachrymose little story can scarcely be conceived; but Miss Grace Keyte played the widow so touchingly, and Miss Muriel Gale the girl so sincerely, that the audience sat rapt. Here, and in what followed, the admirable training of Mr. A. Acton-Bond was once more pleasantly manifest.

The pantomime, "The Sleeping Beauty," in four scenes, which came next, proved far more seasonable. Here the author, Mr. Thomas Evelyn Ellis, had given us a very typical and amusing skit on times and things, ranging from 1615 to 1928. We saw the princess first as a young girl in the Court of James I. (who compelled everyone to speak in blank verse, and had banished people for indulging in "short endings"), and afterwards (under a spell of having to live 300 years) in the Courts of George II, William IV., and his present Majesty.

In each phase she and her various princely admirers had many amusing things to say and do; and with a charming musical setting by Mr. William Alwyn, an excellent student of the Academy, the whole thing rattled along in a most exhilarating fashion.

Miss Betty Gray made a winsome princess, and, with the other Royal and fairy folk equally well played, the audience was in almost continual merriment, and all concerned shared the final ovation.

—H. M. W.

PIANO TEACHING

A BRITISH SCHEME FOR CLASSES

[By Arthur Mason]

There is presently to be submitted to education authorities, musical educationists, the musical profession, and the public a scheme of piano-teaching to classes of children. New to ourselves, this is a familiar activity in the United States, where, although the movement is of recent origin, hundreds of thousands of school-children are now being taught in class the elements of piano-playing.

The scheme proposed for our own country—the work of Major J. T. Bavin, well known as a lecturer on music to school pupils and teachers—has been based upon America's highly successful methods of class teaching. The children assemble in class as for a singing lesson. On the desk before each of them is a cardboard replica of several octaves of a pianoforte keyboard. Guided by their teacher they learn, first, to find their way about the keys of a piano, and then to play the single notes and the chords of a piece of simple music.

Having played upon their imitation keyboards the notes of scales and exercises, and the notes of the piece of music they are to study, they go one by one to a real piano in the class-room, and play thereon the real notes of that music. And not only is the children's skill of finger training, but they are taught the rudiments of music's construction, and other things the knowledge of which will make them not only young pianists, but young musicians as well.

The First Steps

In class piano-teaching, it ought at once to be insisted, there is no suggestion of interference with individual piano-teaching. Obviously there will always be those who prefer even for young children individual teaching, while the higher standards of piano-playing must always be the result of individual effort directed by individual experience and skill.

Class piano-teaching aims merely at teaching the first steps of piano-playing, and for this reason it is likely to benefit the individual teacher, parent, or child, who has taught children having no musical training, or who has taught children who have not yet reached the stage of individual instruction. It is a method of teaching which is simple, and which is based upon the natural way in which children learn to play the piano.

By means of singing classes the great majority of the rising generation are in touch with the vocal music of many composers, much of it of high musical calibre. The fact that these classes are never likely to produce a cultivated vocal artist is nothing. The fact that they urge innumerable children towards a love of beautiful songs is much. So the piano-class, novel though some may find the idea, of mass teaching of this instrument, and hopeless though it may seem to others, can reasonably be expected to be an influence for good. If it does nothing else it should develop a greatly increased audience for piano-music, and it is quite likely that many members of the classes will be induced by experience of it to become serious students of the piano.

Marion Davies



Who is in a "talking" film, "The Five O'Clock Girl."

"DAME DE PIQUE"

OPERA AND BALLET IN PARIS

Paris. — The performance in Paris of Tchaikovsky's "Dame de Pique" (sung in Russian) by the "Opera Russe de Paris" was in a way an historical event, as the work had never been given before in France. Composed in 1890, the opera has thus had to wait thirty-eight years before being mounted on the Parisian stage. A good deal of water has flowed under the bridges of the Seine—and of the Neve—since the peaceful "nineties, and naturally Tchaikovsky's setting of Pushkin's drama seems definitely to belong to another epoch. The action is constantly interrupted by set "arias," soliloquies, "divertissements," and all the paraphernalia of operatic conventions which were still at that date withstanding the onslaught of the new Wagnerian technique.

Nevertheless, Tchaikovsky somehow seems to triumph over all these handicaps by sheer musicianship. There are pages in the score of this opera which are worthy to rank beside the best of his symphonic or chamber music creations; and the musical interest is well sustained, increasing in intensity as the drama develops. On the other hand, there are "longueurs" and passages of frankly mediocre quality, and in general the orchestral writing is perhaps more interesting than the vocal.

The Russian company, though possessing no "stars" of great magnitude, acquitted itself well, and M. Slavinsky, d'Armenie, showed his intimate knowledge of the opera by conducting throughout without the score. Mmes. Lucezarska, Leontovitch, and Cortes sang well in the principal female roles; M. Karava was a dramatic Hermann; and M. Zarine, though cast for a small part, sang superbly in a baritone voice of remarkable quality.

The Ida Rubinstein ballets have come to an end; the last new work to be produced being Henri Sauguet's "David," which proved to be a very dull affair. The music is exasperatingly inept, grievously lacking in invention or inspiration; the choreography, arranged by Massine, might be effective if allied to music of very different calibre; as it is, the ballet seemed tedious in the extreme.

In his preface Mr. Lambert quotes Burney as having pointed out that "there is an original and sterling merit in his productions." Mr. Lambert gives to all his works a personal stamp and character of his own. For strength, clarity, and facility without any hint of artificiality, Mr. Lambert's music is a model. It is a music which is simple, and which is based upon the natural way in which children learn to play the piano.

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VAUGHAN WILLIAMS' NEW TE DEUM

BOYCE'S SYMPHONIES

[By Herbert Hughes]

A new setting of the Te Deum Laudamus has been composed by Ralph Vaughan Williams for the enthronement of Dr. Cosmo Gordon Lang as Archbishop of Canterbury. This, published by the Oxford University Press, is a noble and majestic work and likely to rank as the best setting of our time. It is composed without elaboration, strictly for liturgical use, and within this scope the composer has surpassed himself. His own personal scope, his own idiom, is somewhat severely limited; the old combined influences of English folk music and the art of the Tudor musicians retain their hold upon him, and may be observed in their solemn work; but these influences no longer result in mannerisms—here, at any rate.

The new Te Deum is clearly spontaneous, written in a moment of inspiration, at white heat. The melodic lines are boldly drawn, the rhythm free; the tonality, harmonised diatonically, undergoes many striking changes, either abruptly from sentence to sentence or by swift transition. Thus the opening in G major by a short cadence in E minor passes into G sharp minor, and from that enharmonically into a brilliant A flat major. A cadence here—at "Lord God of Sabaoth"—of one bar in an implied F minor (the note F is sung in unison) leads suddenly into A minor. A major soon follows, then G major, then for the moment in B flat, back to G, then into E, quasi-modal. And so on.

It is all tremendously eloquent, with that inevitability that belongs to first-class work. When the prayer comes, "We therefore pray Thee, help thy servants," it comes without any studied attempt at dramatic contrast, naturally and simply, without any break in the rhythmic movement. The old canticle that suffered so much at the hands of nineteenth-century Anglican and part-song merchants takes on a new dignity and impressiveness in a setting that is courageous and sincere.

Constant Lambert has done an excellent deed in transcribing and editing for the Oxford University Press the eight symphonies written by William Boyce (2a or 3a 6d each). Boyce, who died in 1779, has suffered undue neglect as a composer of instrumental music. (Continued at foot of preceding column.)

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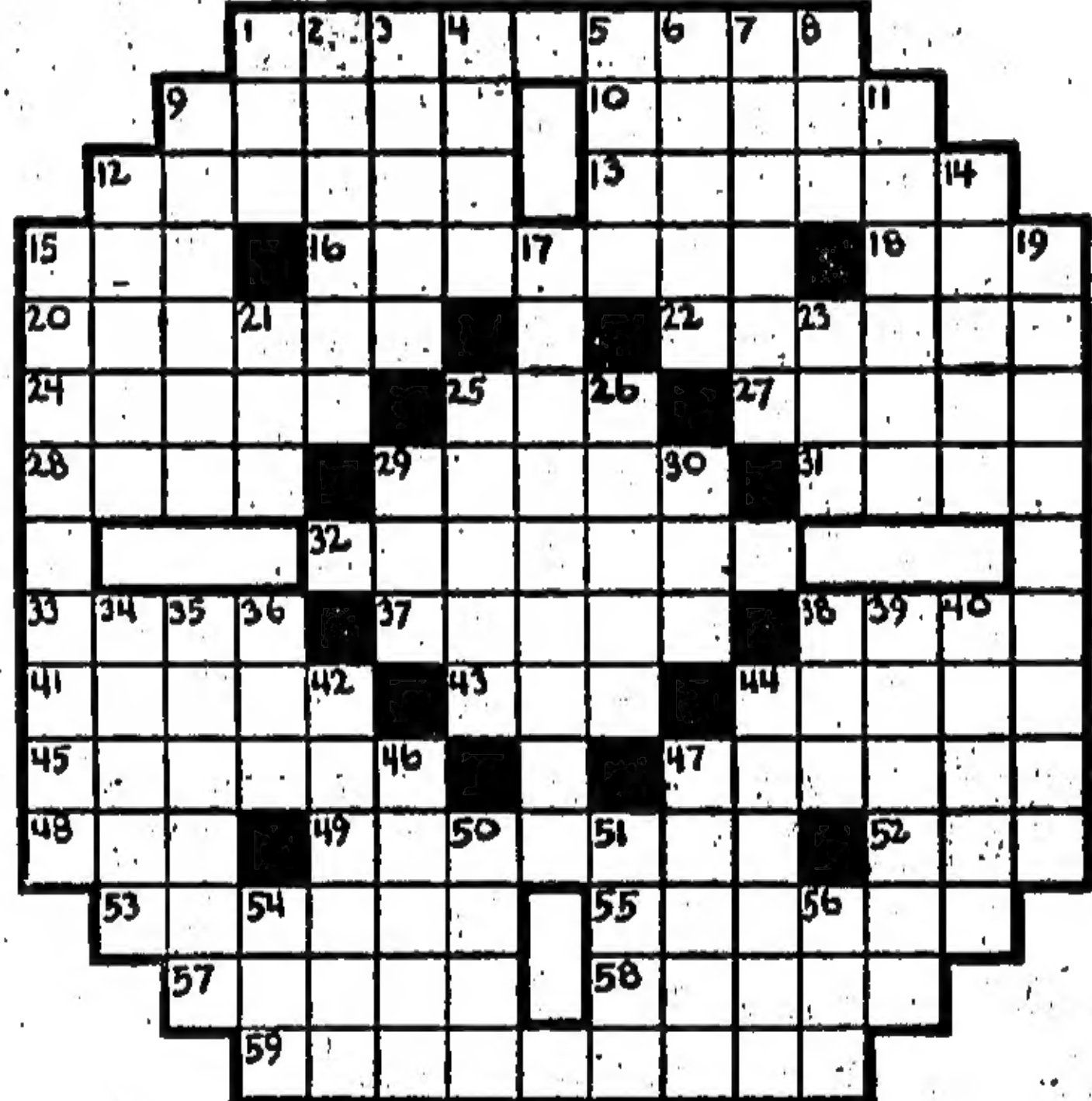
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DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



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HORIZONTAL

- 1-Useful
- 2-French for "blee"
- 3-Twisted round
- 13-Machine for removing mud
- 15-Having lower limbs
- 16-Prefix. Before
- 18-Severe
- 19-Untruth
- 20-Bird which fed Elijah
- 22-A Hawaiian
- 24-Expands
- 25-Nourished
- 27-Nominate
- 28-Places
- 29-Sutter
- 31-Nutcase
- 32-Mirror post
- 33-Diminishes
- 37-Chide
- 38-Precipitation
- 41-Demand as a right
- 42-Period of time
- 44-Blossoming plant
- 45-Birthplace of Paul the Apostle
- 47-Nut
- 48-Title

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 49-Genuine
- 52-Form of the Latin word for "God"
- 53-Withdraw
- 55-Dance in cloth
- 57-French name for Nicaea, home of the Nicene creed
- 58-Overhanging edge
- 59-Device for storing electricity
- 1-A desert
- 2-Ramparts
- 3-Giant having a hundred eyes
- 4-Letter of the alphabet (pl.)
- 5-Land surrounded by water
- 6-To act as a salesman
- 7-Stables cleaned by Heroules
- 8-Support
- 9-Monetary rank (mfr.)
- 11-Ancient
- 12-Arrange in folds

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 14-Embarkments
- 16-Future probabilities
- 17-Ruler of ancient Italy
- 39-To beat on the soles of the feet
- 21-Ensign (abbr.)
- 22-Doxa
- 23-Power
- 25-Girl's name
- 26-Existed
- 30-Color
- 34-Country in Pennsylvania
- 35-Slack
- 36-Little girl (colloq.)
- 38-Water engine
- 39-Positive poles
- 40-Easterie
- 42-French word for Dutch public house
- 44-Part naturally
- 46-Fathom
- 47-Tapestry
- 50-Want
- 51-Paradise
- 52-Narcissus
- 54-Perfr meaning "through"

(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.


WALLET	PATIOS
ARA TOP	AN AWAY
MERCITER	NARROW
FOOT O	GRAVY
EPHESUS	CHILLIE
READ LETTER	COER
PIANO	MEENA
AND OAKEN	TIME
SECUM	PERSONAL
THIRN	ANTIKU
MAINE	CHOCOLATE
REAR	DAY KAY
PEARLY	BENERS

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 20.
Straits Fushimi Maru

MONDAY, JANUARY 21.
Manila President Jefferson

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22.
Shanghai Aeneas

Japan Aki Maru

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Swatow Fooshing 5 p.m.
Saigon Telemachus 5 p.m.

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 19.
Kalyan
Hongkong 9.30 a.m.
Sandakan Hingang 10 a.m.
Fort Bayard Wing Wo 10 a.m.
Saigon Romolo 2.30 p.m.
Manila President Grant 4.30 p.m.
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SUNDAY, JANUARY 20.
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Bangkok via Swatow Kaying 9 a.m.

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MONDAY, JANUARY 21.
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Swatow Hydrangea 2.30 p.m.

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TIBETAN ENVOYS GET A SHOCK

IN SHANGHAI

CHARGED \$345 FOR A NIGHT'S LODGING

NANKING ANGRY

Shanghai, Jan. 14.

Two emissaries from uncivilised and inaccessible Tibet are paying tribute calls upon the National Government at Nanking, but in their leisure moments they are rummaging dubiously on the advantage of modern civilization as represented by thriving, bustling, business-like Shanghai. The two emissaries came from a tiny state on the borders of Tibet and Szechwan, taking 120 days to make the journey. At Shanghai they lingered just one night in order to catch the morning train to the capital.

The two put up at a Chinese hotel in Hankow Road. The staff were overwelming in their hospitality to these unsophisticated travellers from the land of seclusion and monasteries. The envoys were charmed, very charmed, until next morning when they prepared to leave for Nanking. They then received the bill—\$345 for one night's board and lodging "including tips and miscellaneous hotel charges."

Bearing simple homage of native cloth, herbs, a few rude products of their country, the two delegates, only one of whom speaks Chinese, arrived unexpectedly in Nanking. Their contrived appearance and their sincerity in making such a long journey to the National capital created the greatest impression, and great was the governmental wrath when they narrated their hotel experiences in Shanghai.

"The manager presented the bill to us and, not knowing what was a wonderful city, we naturally concluded that everybody in Shanghai must be rich; so we paid it," they told the Nanking authorities.

The Chinese Police Chief at Shanghai has received strongly-worded instructions to look into the matter and take stern action against the hotel who treated the envoys so severely.

The two emissaries are Messrs. Yang Li-hsi and Gao Cheng-ching, only one of whom speaks Chinese.

TAIKOO BALL

ANNUAL GATHERING IN CLUB HALL TONIGHT

230 EXPECTED

The annual ball of the Taikoo Club takes place in the Club Hall commencing at 9 o'clock, and a attendance of about 230 is expected.

Music will be supplied by the "Melodians" under the direction of Mr. R. Tanner, who has arranged the following programme:

Waltz—"Lousiana Lullaby"
Lancers—"Operatic"
Fox Trot—"Tell me you're sorry."
Fox Trot—"I thank the moon."
Waltz—"Lady Moon."
Fox Trot—"Why should you cry."
Eightsome Reel.
Slow Fox Trot—"Varsity Drag."
Fox Trot—"My blue heaven."
Waltz—"Diane."
Fox Trot—"Love lies."
Fox Trot—"What do we care."
Lancers—"Horsey."
Slow Fox Trot—"Just like a melody out of the sky."
Fox Trot—"Saskatchewan."
Waltz—"Sunshine in your smile."
Fox Trot—"More than anybody."
Fox Trot—"There's always a way to remember."
Eightsome Reel.
Slow Fox Trot—"Can't help lovin' dat man."
Fox Trot—"Smile."
Fox Trot—"In a little dream nest."
Waltz—"Dreams of yesterday."

Arrangements
The ball is timed to finish at 2 a.m., and the following arrangements have been made for the transportation of guests from the club after the ball:—

Launches will leave the Dockyard (Coal Wharf) for Hong Kong and Kowloon at 12.30 a.m., 1.15 a.m., and 2.15 a.m.

The following are the Committees:

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Ladies Clock Room.—Mrs. Barclay.

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STRIKE PICKETS GET "FED UP"

HANKOW'S LATEST

MERELY A MATTER OF TIME & NEGOTIATION

JAPANESE MORE VIGILANT

Yesterday at Hankow was the quietest day since the anti-Nippon movement started there. Reuter states:

"Even the Boycott and Strike pickets seem to be getting 'fed up' and numerous Chinese have been allowed into the Japanese Concession without hindrance. The general opinion is that the boycott movement has lost virulence; also that settlement of outstanding local questions is merely a matter of time and negotiation."

Taking No Risks

On the other hand, a Royal Naval wireless message reports as follows:—

"The position remains the same but the Japanese authorities—as indicated by reinforcements (i.e. in armed cordons around the Concession)—show that they are not prepared to take any risks as far as their Concession is concerned."

Snowfall Effect

The situation yesterday morning was much quieter. Reuter adds. Only a few pickets were in evidence then. Heavy snowfall the night before, continuing yesterday morning, accounted partly for the lack of enthusiasm. It is stated that the anti-Japanese agitators are seriously short of funds for payment of the pickets and strikers and this, together with the approach of Chinese New Year, will probably break the movement's back.

General's Attitude

The Hupen Provincial Council has received a lengthy telegram from General Li Tsung-yan requesting details with regard to the anti-Japanese situation and instructing the Council to use its endeavours to bring the matter to a satisfactory conclusion.

The Chinese workers at the Japanese power station struck on Wednesday but the station is being worked by sailors and the light supply is being maintained. It is understood that Japanese residents are suffering somewhat from lack of vegetables and fresh food, which cannot be procured locally owing to the stringency of the boycott. There was no incident throughout Wednesday during which pickets continued to function.

NEW DIPLOMACY

"SAVE FACE" METHODS TO GO?

Osaka, Yesterday.

Japanese business men are hopeful that the Japanese Minister will succeed in his mission to Nanking but are convinced that old-fashioned diplomacy is no good. Both China and Japan must give up the "save face" business.

The Osaka "Asahi" suggests as a formula for better relations, firstly, the withdrawal of Japanese troops from Shantung; secondly, the settlement of pending questions; and, thirdly, the dissipation of unfriendly atmosphere.—Reuter.

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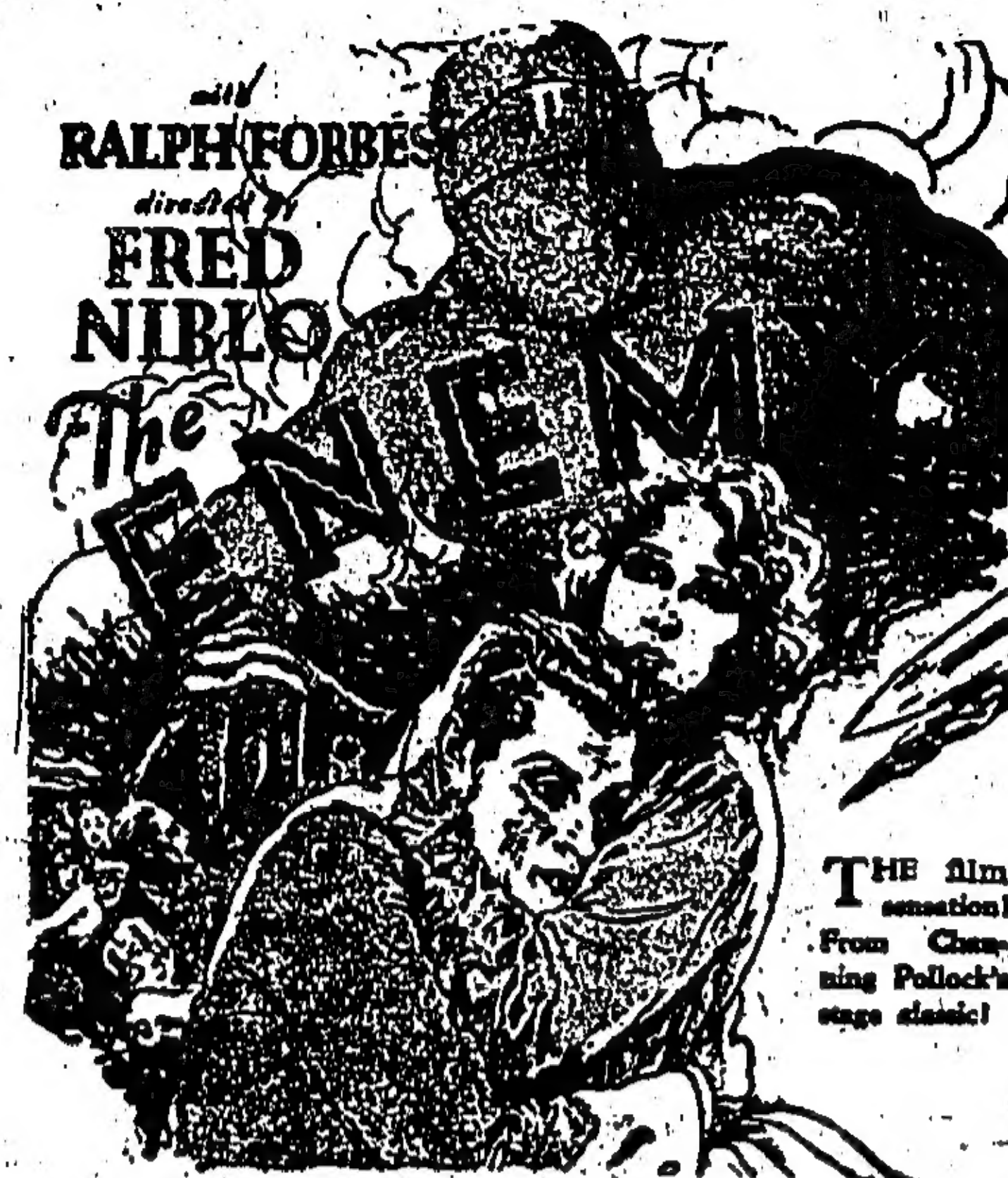
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London.—Many records were broken at Christie's sale of 150 Old Masters for a total of \$145,745. Reynolds, the Fourth, Viscountess Downshire, and the Vandryck "Genevieve Officer" went for 12,500 guineas each. A Titian portrait of Danielle Barbara realised 7,200 guineas, and Zoffany's picture of Sir William Young's family which probably will go to America, 7,086 guineas.

Turner drawings brought a total of 21,804 guineas, ranging from 2,400 to 7,900 guineas each. A Romney portrait of Mrs. Warren sold for 5,800 guineas, and four Canaletto oil paintings of Venetian scenes brought a total of 24,700 guineas, ranging from 100 to 6,400 guineas each. The Canaletto Quartet, originally sold for \$25,000, secured for \$7,000, the eagerly sought "Tomb of Veruca," which the Emperor Napoleon III. had bought for \$25,000, sold for \$10,000. The "Hall of the House of Commons" by Sir James Watson, sold for \$10,000.

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